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of New Kensington, Pennsylvania



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THE HISTORY OF
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PARNASSUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DEDICATION

To the men and women who conscious of the effect religion would have on the community, and who by their effort and sacrifice have made the One Hundred Years of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church possible, this History is gratefully dedicated.



Views of Original Church

THE FOREWORD

What power but the Years that make
And break the vase of clay,
And stir the sleeping earth, and wakes
The bloom that fades away?
What rulers but the Days and Hours
That cancel weal and woe,
And wind the front of youth with flowers
And cap our age with snow?

Tennyson

The History of a church is different from any other history. It is the record of the struggle and progress of the spiritual life of the group that have made it and carried it on. It shows the hopes and ambitions for their children, the struggles and hardships they endured. The recital of the deeper feeling of those who have been associated with it.

The men and women a century ago lighted their torches and ran well their race and handed them on to others and the torches still lighted and burning more brightly are handed on. They have not failed—they have not gone out.

The progress of the course, starting with the Indian History, with which it naturally had its beginning, then coming to the early members, the equipment and services not too regular by supplies to settled pastors.

A beautiful plant, well defined programs, feeling and responding to the educational, political and spiritual changes imperative from a growth of a half dozen scattered houses to a city of almost twenty thousand persons, with a bit of biography of the Ministers and others of the older persons, and some reminiscences.

A hundred years seems like a long time, but it is not so long, when we trace the cow paths of the years gone, by the paved streets of today. From the horse so very necessary, to the automobile that has become common. From candle light to our well lighted houses and church.

The old Greeks had a game they called the torch race. A group of choice young men were chosen and placed two by two along the prescribed course. A torch lighted from the Sacred fire on the Altar was given to the first two, they were to run with all speed to the next runner on his side and hand the torch to him, still burning brightly; he ran to the next, and so on until the course was finished. Then the ones who reached the end first won the race. So the race of the century and its people, illustrated with some pictures of yesterday and today, is presented to you in this History.

THE INDIANS AND FORT CRAWFORD

As monumental bronze unchanged his look,
A soul that pity touched, but never shook;
Trained from his tree rocked cradle to his bier,
The fierce extremes of good and ill to brook
A stoic of the woods—a man without a tear,
Impressive—fearing but the shame of fear.

—Campbell

In no part of the country are Indian names more common, nor the remains of Indians more easily found, than in this section of Western Pennsylvania. Names of rivers, creeks and towns, Indian lookouts, camps, assembly grounds, and grave yards. In this region one hundred and thirty years ago, the scalping of the early settlers by the Indians was not uncommon.

The main trail followed by the Indian parties traveling from Ohio and the West, leaving the Allegheny about what is now Rochester, cut across to the Allegheny again just below Puckety Creek. The Creek then flowed into the river just below the present location of the Round Hill Cemetery. The name is derived from two Indian words, "Pack" and "Gita"; the meaning of these is "throw it away" or "abandon it". It is now usually called Pucketos Creek.

At this time life was very insecure, for many of these savage bands were going and coming, and crossing the river at the ford near Logans Ferry. Settlers were beginning to come into this region, and many were the white settlers who were slain by the Indians. This condition grew worse as more people came into the region until the autumn of 1777 when it was decided by the officer in charge of Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) to erect a fort in this locality. The imperative need was considered and in 1778 the inroads of the savages increased to such an alarming extent that Colonel William Crawford, who was then stationed at Fort Pitt, choosing a small party of men came up the Allegheny River to determine a suitable site for the fort.

The decision was that the Fort should be erected a short distance above the mouth of Puckety Creek, and it was called Fort Crawford, in honor of the man who erected it. The purpose of the Fort, as given, "was to cover the Indian trail and the fort, to patrol the river from below the second bend and above to Fort Armstrong below what is now Kittanning, also to scout the Pucketos Creek Valley". To serve as a retreat for the settlers, when necessary, as a rallying point for the scouts who patrolled the region when Indians were about, and as a protection to the troops who garrisoned it. Fort Crawford was a Stockade Fort and seems to have consisted of a trench about one thousand feet long and from three to four hundred feet in width. It was of irregular shape and contained possibly two acres. The earth was thrown up to a height of from four to five feet and the parapet, or wall of defense, was some distance back from the trench.

It was a substantial wall of logs ten or twelve feet high, about a foot in diameter, pointed at the top and set securely in the ground. The logs were hewed on the sides so as to fit close together, fastened securely in place by beams on the inside. A great door for the entrance of wagons of provisions and a small door for the garrison to go in and out. Two or three substantial log huts were built.

one for the storage of provisions and ammunition, one for quarters for the garrison, and some times an extra one in case of the fort being used as a retreat for settlers.

Mr. A. B. Copeland said he had come to Parnassus in 1856 and he saw still here, a part of the parapet of the old Fort, about two hundred feet due East from the Parnassus Church. That would place the fort very close to where the present manse stands. Mr. Kennedy said when the excavation for the foundation of the house was dug they found many flat stones set on edge close together, such as were not found anywhere near here except in the bed of the streams. Very probably a part of the floor of the fort.

The fort was not very substantial and proved hard to maintain. However, it seems it was maintained, more or less regularly, for about sixteen years.

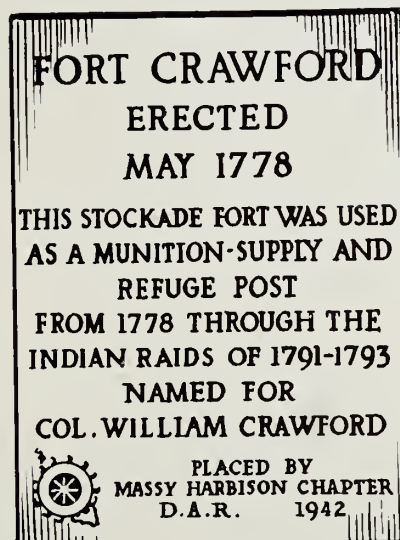
Subsequent to 1793, after the evacuation of Fort Crawford, the Indians were more or less troublesome in this immediate vicinity until as late as 1810 when there are records of occasional murders of settlers.

A portion of the Manse grounds is an Indian Cemetery and several times graves have been opened and bones of the savages examined. Nothing was done to commemorate the historic site until in 1942 the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a large boulder and placed a bronze plate upon it with a fitting inscription.

MONUMENT AND INSCRIPTION

FORT CRAWFORD—ERECTED MAY, 1778

Named for
COL. WILLIAM
CRAWFORD



Placed by
MASSY HARBISON
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This stockade fort was used as a munitions supply and refuge post from 1778 through the Indian Raids of 1791—1793.

PARNASSUS

Individuals may form communities, but it is
institutions, alone, that can create a nation.

—*Disraeli*

The first time "Parnassus" appears as applied to this region was April 3, 1769. One hundred and seventy-three years ago when one John Little, submitted an order for approximately three hundred acres of land, and the application was entered on April 3, 1769. The grants were given names. There is an old record that describes "Parnassus in Greece as rough ground between two hills". One of which was Olympus the home of the gods, and the other Parnassus, on the side of which was a spring, the water of which would bring perpetual youth.

Might it be possible that John Little having read that old description, and in making the application when there was nothing here but woods and the only inhabitants Indians, saw that the description fit the locality and in his request named the land "Parnassus". The country had not been organized then. The Revolutionary War had not been fought so the patent for this land was not granted to John Little by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until July 20, 1781. The patent is described "as beginning at a Spanish White Oak opposite the Sewickley Old Town, and bounded on the East by barren land". On April 3, 1769 John Little applied for three hundred acres of land lying on the east side of Allegheny River, about fourteen miles above Fort Pitt and opposite "Sewickley Old Town". As was the custom, the name Parnassus was applied to the land for which John Little filed his application.

Subsequently on the 20th day of July, A.D. 1781, and of the Commonwealth the sixth, John Reed, Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the consideration of thirty seven pounds eight shillings and two pence, granted to John Little a certain tract or parcel of land called Parnassus, situated on the East side of the Allegheny river about sixteen miles above Fort Pitt and opposite Sewickley Old Town, Westmoreland County, containing two hundred and sixty-three acres, and nineteen perches, and allowances of six percent for roads, etc., excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all the gold and silver ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the pits mouth, clear of all charges.

Pennsylvania, one of the original states of the American Union came into existence subsequent to the application of the name "Parnassus" to the district now comprised in the late Borough of Parnassus. Therefore, the name for the district antedates the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, and the birth of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So it is perfectly natural that when the two towns combined under the name of New Kensington the Church should retain the original name of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church.

ORGANIZATION

The Church should have a tapering spire
To point to realms, where sin's forgiven
And lead men's thoughts, from Earth to Heaven,
I like a tower,
It speaks of strength, of might, of power—
An emblem of the Church's strength
To overcome the world at length.

It is not known just the exact time the first church services were held in the village. It must have been about 1836 or 1837. The services were held in a hall on Main Street. The building of the church was begun in 1840 and was built on land owned by John W. Logan. It was along the edge of a cemetery then in use for several years and later enlarged to become the Church Cemetery.

The church building was sixty by forty feet, with slab benches with the round side of the slab under, supported by legs of rough wood, one end smoothed and driven into auger holes in the rounded side of the slab. It was not an uncommon thing during service for children to go to sleep and fall off the seat. It has also been left on record that older people sometimes did the same thing. The building was used before it was completed. Then having a Church, the question of organization naturally arose. There being no church in the village another question presented itself—what denomination should the new organization be? A very definite way to decide presented itself and Mrs. Elizabeth Logan the wife of Hugh Logan, Sr., who was born and raised an Episcopalian, went around the community on horseback, personally interrogating the people as to what denomination they would prefer. She found the majority preferred the Presbyterian Church. She was loyal to the will of the majority and through the remainder of her life served faithfully in this Church and raised her family in the church of her adoption.

The first record to be found in the minutes of the Blairsville Presbytery concerning the church is the record of a meeting held in Poke Run on April 12, A.D. 1842.

“A petition from a number of persons was presented through Mr. John Byerly as commissioner, asking the Presbytery to organize a church in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, to be called “Parnassus”. Their request was granted and Messrs. Graham and McClung, with David Coon and Robert Carothers, Elders, were appointed to organize the said Church, as soon as convenient.”

A later minute of the same session of Presbytery states, “the petitioners for Parnassus Church requested supplies, which request was committed to Messrs. Carothers and Hassinger as a committee on supplies” and in the report of that Committee, “at Parnassus, Mr. Laird the First Sabbath in July; Mr. Graham the First Sabbath in August, and Mr. McClung the First Sabbath in September”.

Presbytery met then in April and October of each year and usually spent three days in the meeting—there were at least four sermons. These were on subjects assigned at the previous meeting and dealt with matters that were before the Church and the nation. A minute of the meeting held at Ebenezer October 4, A.D. 1842, is this record: “The Committee appointed to organize a church, to be called Parnassus, reported, that they had attended to that duty on the 18th of May. The Church consisting of thirteen members and one ruling Elder. Their

report was accepted, and the congregation taken under the care of the Presbytery". Thus, the Parnassus Presbyterian Church was started on its century of service.

The Charter members numbered thirteen and three more were added before the first record was made, officially. The first record of the Session of the Church is as follows:

Parnassus Church was organized in May, Eighteen Hundred and Forty Two. The following named persons were organized and constituted the members of the congregation in full Communion:

Eliza Logan, Sr.	Elizabeth Cunningham
John McElwain	John Frederick
Mary McElwain	John W. Logan
Nancy Dugan	Eliza Logan
Rebecca Leslie	Elizabeth Armstrong
Mary Dinsmore	James McElwain
Julia Ann Shoop	Jared M. Irwin
Elizabeth Logan	Susanna Irwin

Eliza Logan, Sr. was the wife of Alexander Logan. Elizabeth Logan was the wife of Hugh Logan, who was the son of Alexander Logan; John W. Logan was the son of Alexander Logan; Eliza Logan, the wife of John Logan; and Elizabeth Armstrong, later Elizabeth Armstrong Stewart, wife of William K. Stewart, was a daughter of Rebecca Logan Armstrong, wife of Sampson Armstrong. Rebecca Logan was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Logan. Thus five of the Charter members were from the Logan family. No descendants of this family are now members of the Parnassus Church.

John McElwain and Mary McElwain, his wife, and James McElwain, his brother, were three of the Charter members. John and Mary McElwain were the parents of John McElwain and he was the father of the late Mrs. Annie E. McElwain Glass, mother of Francis J. Glass, a member of this Church. Also the father of Mrs. Mary Crooks, a member of this Church. John McElwain's son, Andrew McElwain, deceased brother of Mrs. Crooks, whose wife was Emma Eiler McElwain, deceased, were the parents of Miss Claire McElwain, a member of this Church.

Naney Dugan, a Charter member, was born July 12, 1799 and died November 5, 1885. She was a daughter of David Alter. Naney Dugan was the mother of John W. Dugan and he was the father of Wilmer G. Dugan, present Clerk of Session, and Miss Clara Luella Dugan, members of the Parnassus Church.

Rebecca Leslie was born in 1787 and died in 1857. She was one of the Charter members to unite with the Church by certificate. Her husband operated a ferry at Valley Camp. Of her children James was the father of the late Thomas G. Leslie, and his wife Mrs. Letitia Moore Leslie, and their son, Arthur A. Leslie, are members of the Parnassus Church.

Rebecca Leslie's son David was the father of D. A. Leslie, deceased, whose wife Irene M. Leslie is a member of the Church and Miss Agnes Leslie, a daughter of David, is a member of this Church. Another son of David was George R. Leslie, deceased, whose daughter, Mrs. Edna Leslie Reimer is a member of this Church.

Mary Dinsmore, who was born April 3, 1804, and who died on September 22, 1865, was a Charter member. She was the mother of Benjamin Scott Dismore, deceased, whose son Robert S. Dinsmore and daughter Dorothy are members of the Parnassus Church.

Julia Annie Shoop was born in May 1809, and died October 9, 1887. She was the wife of Michael Shoop, who was an elder from 1844 until 1870. A number of grand children reside in the Springdale, Tarentum, Leechburg, and Apollo district but none of them are now members of the Parnassus Church.

Elizabeth Cunningham was a Charter member, as was Jared M. and Susanna Irwin, but it has not been possible to obtain definite information concerning them.

John Frederick was a Charter member. Some of his relatives are thought to be still in this vicinity but none of them are connected with the Church at this time.

Thus ten lineal descendants of these original members of this Church are carrying on in the Church and sustaining the tradition of their ancestors of a century ago.

PROPERTY

The first church building was begun about 1840 or 1841. We are unable to find the date of the first use of the cemetery but we know it was used about or before 1800.

About 1838 or 1839 a Mission Church was conducted in Parnassus and the work of subscribing money and working out plans for the building was begun. Services were held in the partially completed building, rough benches were improvised for comfortable seats. The building was completed early in 1842. It was a church above the average for the period. Indeed most of the original churches of the day were made of logs, extremely crude, often with puncheon floors, no heat except hand or foot warmers the folks brought with them, rough benches and little or no glass in the windows. So Parnassus began with a very modern church. It was built on the property of John W. Logan and was erected along the edge of the Cemetery. In 1847 the deed for the property was given to the Church. The first deed is now yellow with age and in several pieces.

This deed was made the 16th day of January 1847. Between John W. Logan and Eliza, his wife, of the first part, and John McElwain, Sr., George Hoffman and David M. Alter, Trustees of Parnassus Congregation, of the second part, in consideration of the sum of one dollar. It was for the property marked 1 on the plot. This land was "part of the Tract called Parnassus", patent, dated July 20, 1781, granted to John Little, and held by him, until it was transferred to John Woods, May 11, 1789, and held by him and his wife, until transferred to Alexander Logan, April 20, 1803.

The Church, following its organization, passed through a period of eight years without a regularly called and installed pastor. The only records we have are the session records and they simply record the meetings held, about two per year, and the names of those who were received into the membership of the Church. Mr. John Logan was elected a ruling Elder on the day the Church was organized and was ordained the first Sabbath of September, 1842.

While the Church was without a regular pastor the Presbytery sent a minister to supply the Church one Sunday each month and to Moderate the meetings of Session. The other Sundays, if they wanted service, they procured their own supplies. Reverend Samuel Caldwell was selected by the congregation to be their regular supply from July 1, 1842 for one year for one fourth of his time.

The first Communion service was held in the Church the first Sabbath of November, 1842, and there were nine accessions to the Church.

The first record of Baptisms is, apparently on the same date. The following children were Baptized:

- one of John Martins
- one of John Carsons—aged 1 year
- one of Michael Shoops—aged 1 year 6 months

Communion services were held about twice a year—in the spring and fall. If the Church did not have a regular supply, Presbytery sent usually two ministers to conduct the Communion. A preparatory service was held on Saturday afternoon at which tokens were given. If you did not have your token on Sabbath you were not allowed to partake of the elements. The closing service of the Communion then on Monday morning. At each of these services a sermon was preached, and these sermons were from one to one and one half hours long. The Minister “explained” the Chapter he read. This required from fifteen minutes to one hour. Service was usually about three hours long. Most of the sermons were written and more or less closely read.

Often it saved some of the small boys from going to sleep to count the pages of the manuscript the preacher turned over. If he filled the pulpit frequently you could tell how he was progressing by remembering the number he had the last time he preached.

The first annual report of the Church was submitted to Presbytery at the meeting April 9, 1844. Total number of communicants—24; Baptized adults—2; Infants—3; total—5.

The Presbytery at this meeting gave permission to the Church to engage Reverend James Mease Smith as stated supply beginning about November 1, 1843. He divided his time between Tarentum and Parnassus until some time in 1848.

On the 17th of May, 1844, an election for an elder was held and Michael Shoop was elected. He was ordained on the 18th and entered on the duties of his office. An interesting minute to show that the Church took their task of discipline seriously in that day, is of May 8, 1847. “Session met at the home of John W. Logan and was opened with Prayer, the Reverend J. M. Smith, Moderator; Elders, Michael Shoop and J. W. Logan present, and whereas, reports, being in circulation, derogatory to the Christian character of a member of the Church, Messrs. Smith and Shoop were appointed a committee, to wait on the said member, to ascertain the facts in the case, and if guilty to endeavor to bring him to repentance. Session then had recess, until the next Sabbath. After sermon when the Session convened, the Committee reported, that they had waited on said member, and that he confessed he was guilty of intemperance, and that he had used profane language, and had a disposition to quarrel. He declared his intention, to

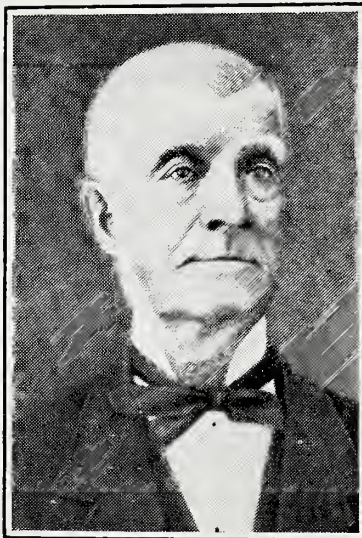
appear before Session and to acknowledge his sin and sorrow for his conduct. The Session in view of the aggravated nature of the offense, and the failure of the member to appear before Session, according to his promise, that he ought to be judged, and is hereby suspended from the privileges of the Church, until he gives satisfactory evidence of his repentance, and that this decision be read from the pulpit, which was done." Session closed with prayer.

On October 2, 1848 Thomas Armstrong, who had been an Elder in the Plum Creek Church, was elected a ruling Elder.

The reports submitted to Presbytery do not give much information.

The report of 1844—Members	24
Adults Baptized	2
Infants Baptized	3
The report of 1845—United with the Church	
Confession of Faith....	19
By Certificate	4
Total Enrollment	47
Adults Baptized	8
Infants Baptized	4

We have no report for the next three years.



JOHN W. LOGAN, First Elder

THE MINISTERS

*The hurrying footsteps came and went,
And the heart beat quick for the great event
When the Minister came to tea.*

—TOMPKINS



Reverend Samuel M. McClung

Reverend Samuel M. McClung was born in New York in 1803. He spent a good part of his early life in Philadelphia. He attended Princeton College and Seminary. He came to Blairsville Presbytery April 4, 1837, when he was installed over Plum Creek and Cross Roads Churches, giving half his time to each.

April 10, 1850 Reverend McClung was called for half h's time to Parnassus. He resigned his work at Cross Roads in June, 1850, and accepted the call to Parnassus. He was installed October 10, 1850. On account of poor health he resigned the Parnassus Church in 1857. He later was installed at Cross Roads January 21, 1862 and was dismissed on the 3rd of October, 1865. His health failing rapidly he died August 4, 1869. For a number of years his body rested under the trees in the Church yard.

Reverend McClung was a noble man, of sympathetic kindness, faithful to his trust. Especially beloved by the congregations to whom he ministered.

The Parnassus Church presented a call to Presbytery for the services of Reverend S. M. McClung on April 10, 1850. The call was referred to a committee who reported at the next meeting in June. "If the Committee could believe that the only, or chief design of this agitation was to promote the convenience of the present pastor they would consider it the duty of the Presbytery to frown upon it. Not to speak, if the uncertainty of the pastoral relation, being continued during the life of a pastor, human life, is so short and uncertain that, the permanent interests of churches, ought never to be endangered, or changes, affecting their permanent interests or convenience of the present pastor. We cannot, but express our regret, that whatever may have been the motives of those by whom this movement was commenced and carried forward and however honest, the opposition of others to it, a very unhappy excitement has risen out of it; and our fear that the congregation, which, by this arrangement, will be thrown vacant, may be placed in a very trying and perilous state. But in the present posture of things

the Committee are of the opinion that nothing better can be done than to place the call from Parnassus in Mr. McClung's hands, and if he accepts, declare the congregation at Cross Roads vacant, and we, accordingly recommend that course. We further recommend that all the parties concerned be urged to study the things that make for peace."

Mr. McClung asked that the relation between him and the Cross Roads Church be dissolved and he accepted the call from the Parnassus Church. Mr. Bristol was appointed to preach the sermon at his installation. Mr. McElwain to preside, propose the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the pastor, and Mr. Hastings to deliver the charge to the people. The service to be held at such a time as may suit the parties concerned. Reverend Mr. McClung was installed on October 10, 1850. The Church assumed its work with Reverend S. M. McClung, Moderator; John W. Logan and Michael Shoop, Elders.

John M. McElwain, Sr., George Hoffman and David Alter, Trustees.

"On the 29th of April, 1853, Mr. David M. Alter and his wife were dismissed (at their own request) to connect with some Sister Church in the far west, they being about to remove to the State of Indiana."

Mr. John W. Dugan was elected Elder September 21, 1855. He was ordained, and set apart to that office, in the usual manner.

Mr. McClung requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the churches of Plum Creek and Parnassus in 1852. Representatives of the Churches were cited, to appear at the next meeting, and show cause why the request should not be granted. When they appeared they expressed their unwillingness for the dissolution, and Mr. McClung withdrew his request.

In 1856 the boundary lines of the Presbytery were changed and Parnassus and Plum Creek were placed in the Saltsburg (now Kittanning) Presbytery, and so remained until 1870 when the original line was restored and these Churches were again placed in Blairsville Presbytery and have so remained. At the June meeting of Saltsburg Presbytery, 1857, Mr. McClung, on account of failing health, asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The request was granted and Dr. Morehead declared the pulpit vacant the first Sunday in July.

The report for 1858 is:

Received into membership by examination....	8	Contributions:	
Received into membership by certificate.....	8	Domestic Missions	\$ 9.00
Total membership	95	Foreign Missions	12.00
Adult Baptisms	1	Presbyterial	12.00
Infant Baptisms	20	Congregational	240.00
Sabbath School	50	Miscellaneous	15.00
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			\$288.00

We may think that during the first fifteen years there was not much to record of the work done. But these men and women were laying the foundation, deep and strong, in the community that was to make possible the hundred years of history the Church has enjoyed; for Pope well said,

"Who builds a Church to God, and not to fame;
Will never mark the marble with his name."



Reverend David W. Townsend

Reverend David W. Townsend, D.D., was born April 29, 1834, within the bounds of the Poke Run congregation. He graduated from Jefferson College in 1855, and from The Western Theological Seminary in 1858. He received his honorary degree of D.D., from Washington and Jefferson College in 1890.

On October 6, 1858, Reverend Townsend was ordained and installed pastor of the Parnassus Church. He remained as pastor until June 25, 1867. He removed to Alliance, Ohio and was pastor there 1867 to 1869, when he returned to the Blairsville Presbytery. He was installed pastor of the Unity Church. (Dissolved in 1921). August 31, 1869 and remained there until December, 1901. In releasing him from the Unity charge the Presbytery took the following action. "In dissolving the pastoral relation between Dr. D. W. Townsend and the Unity Church the Presbytery desires to record its sense of the loss it has sustained, in his retirement from the active duties of the Ministry.

For the third of a century he has been recognized as a leader in all our deliberations, for the greater part of this time, as our Stated Clerk.

In all these years he has enjoyed the unbounded confidence and affection of his Presbyterial associates.

Dr. Townsend died January 1, 1904, in Meadville, Pa., and his body, fittingly, lies in the Unity Cemetery.

Dr. Townsend was the first Minister called for full time service. The call, was acted on by Presbytery in April, 1858. He was a licentiate of Blairsville Presbytery, and was dismissed to Saltsburg Presbytery and put himself under their care. He accepted the call, and was ordained and installed pastor in the Parnassus Church October 6, 1858. Reverend Robert McMillan preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the people. Dr. Donaldson presided, proposed

the constitutional questions, made the prayer of ordination, and charged the pastor.

In May of 1858 at a meeting of the Session a member of the Church presented himself, having, as Division Supervisor on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, been (agreeably to the rules of the Company, but not according to the Word of God) engaged in removing a slip on the Sabbath Day, and acknowledged his fault and sorrow for the same. This being satisfactory the Session resolved that this action be read to the congregation, (which was done), and that the member's standing "Be the same as heretofore".

The officers of the Church at the beginning of this pastorate were Dr. Townsend, Moderator of Session: John W. Logan, Michael Shoop and John W. Dugan, Elders: John M. McElwain, Sr., George Hoffman, and David Alter, Trustees.

Each year the minutes of the Session are taken to the Presbytery to be approved and are examined by a committee of the Presbytery. If there are any criticisms they are noted in the minute book and signed by the Moderator of the Presbytery.

This record is interesting with reference to the Parnassus Minutes, "Approved in the Presbytery, at Carrie's Run, April, 1862, with the exception, that it is not stated in the minutes who compose the Session. The names ought to be written out. Also the book does not state what session it is, only inferential that it is 'Parnassus Session'.

ANDREW McELWAIN, *Mod.*"

and immediately below,

"The Session of Parnassus Church are of the opinion that the Presbytery ought (when they make exceptions) to Record these exceptions in their proper place, and not among baptisms". May 1862.

During all of the first part of Dr. Townsend's pastorate the Presbytery was dealing with matters pertaining to the War. Many of the men were serving on the Christian Commission, and as much as possible in other lines of war service.

A portion of an article taken from the "Kensington Keystone" of April 14, 1898 gives the part played by the men of this community in that war.

Parnassus, at this time, was a little village of about a half dozen houses, a couple of stores, and a church. All the able bodied men who could well leave home had offered their services and gone to fight for the flag. Those who remained did so in duty to their families but were willing and ready to go when necessity demanded. This time came in June, 1863. The triumph of the Southern Army at Fredericksburg and still more signal success on the field of Chancellorsville emboldened that army to plan an invasion of Pennsylvania and the North. On June 27, 1863, Governor Andrew G. Curtin issued a call for sixty thousand troops for ninety days service. The news reached Parnassus late on Saturday evening. The next day the announcement was made from the pulpit by Reverend D. W. Townsend, at that time pastor of the Presbyterian Church. After the regular morning service in the church building, which stood on the site of the present structure, the men gathered together and decided on plans for raising a company of volunteers.

Early Monday morning Reverend Townsend started out on horseback toward Merwin and North Washington, his birth place. He succeeded in enlisting about fifty men. In the meantime A. B. Copeland was canvassing in the region of Shearsburg and Leechburg and met with equal success. Other patriots were working for the same cause in the immediate vicinity.

They worked night and day and on Wednesday morning the two squads, under Mr. Copeland and Reverend Townsend, met in Parnassus under the old oak tree in the Presbyterian Church yard. Each squad had a band of music and with the sound of national airs, and patriotic speeches, were soon organized into a company of one hundred men, with the following officers:

Captain—Reverend Daniel W. Townsend

First Lieutenant—James C. Hawk

Second Lieutenant—Levi Shaner

First Sergeant—A. B. Copeland

Sergeants — William Parks, Rev. James Given, Pastor Pucketos Church, William W. Crooks, Thomas M. Bole

Corporals—Adam H. Wylie, David Vantine, Henry C. Beacom, John A. Armstrong, Moses B. Crooks, Archibald Dodds, Adam Hetrick.

Musician—Samuel Nelson

The Privates were:

John F. Armstrong	James Daugherty	James C. McGeary
Dr. David Alter	James Elder	John G. McLean
Joseph Alter	James Fryer	Hugh McKeaver
Matthew Aver	Samuel Ferguson	Joseph McLaughlin
John B. Alexander	William Garrett	James Ross
George Armstrong	Levi Gumbert	William Reed
Andrew Borland	Samuel E. Hill	Thomas Sprowll
John Beacom	Andrew J. Haukie	Michael Lang
William Beacom	Jacob Hawk	William R. Stewart
James H. Barnett	Thomas S. Irwin	Samuel Stewart
John Best	Hugh Jamison	John R. Walker
William Brisbin	Cyrus Kepple	Jonathan R. Wilson
Thomas Bain	Joseph Leslie	John S. Welty
James D. Bole	James A. Logan	John M. Willyard
Thomas Blair	Francis M. Ludwick	David H. Walters
Robert A. Copeland	James M. Mustead	William Duncan
Thomas B. Clements	John C. Muller	Joseph Dugan
Johnston Cuddy	Robert B. Meehesny	John Dougherty
Calvin Clements	James McGeary	Francis M. Johnston
	Robert McCrum	

Many of these men had already seen service of from one to two years and were familiar with the possible hardships that awaited them. The day after the organization the Company secured transportation over the Allegheny Valley Railroad to Pittsburgh. From there they marched to Camp Howe, near Homewood, where they were sworn into service, and assigned, as Company K to the

54th Regiment, under Col. Thomas F. Gallagher. The Company was mustered in the same day.

The next day the Battle of Gettysburg began and for the three days it continued the regiment was under marching orders, with the transportation ready to carry the men to the scene of the conflict. On the afternoon of July 3 orders were received that the regiment go to West Virginia to take the place of Gen Kelley's regiment which had been sent to cut off Lee's retreat. When they had gotten as far as Steubenville there were instructions for them to return to Camp Howe. These instructions were followed a few hours later by a counter order to go to Salineville, Ohio and intercept the guerilla chief, Gen. Morgan, who was plundering and killing all who came in his way. The regiment followed orders and succeeded in capturing Morgan after a short skirmish. This was when the Parnassus Company gained its laurels, but how the members did it is a mooted question to this day as each man seemed to have a different story. The reports summed themselves up in these two questions, "Well didn't we capture Morgan?", and, "Hadn't the whole Union Army been trying to do the same thing for two or three years before we succeeded?"

This was the only real service in which the Parnassus Company was directly interested. They remained in camp and were thoroughly drilled, expecting to be called at any time. They were mustered out of service August 17, 1863.

Almost eighty years have passed since the Parnassus men gathered under the old oak tree in the Presbyterian Church yard. The oak still stands, some of the men lie under the ground in that "God's acre", and the others lie in neighboring church yards. None of them were called, to die on the field of battle, but every one of them expected, and was willing, if necessary, to give the "last full measure of devotion to his country".

According to a previous notice an election was held on the 16th of April, 1866 for the election of two additional Elders. The following named persons were elected, to wit: John Alter, and Adam Henderson Wylie, and on Saturday the 23rd of June the persons mentioned above, as being elected Elders, signified their acceptance, and were ordained, by the laying on of the hands, of the former Session to wit: Rev. D. W. Townsend, John W. Logan, Michael Shoop and John W. Dugan, after which Session adjourned with prayer.

On December 1, 1866 the Session divided the congregation into five sections, each one under a member of Session, and the following Resolution was passed. "Resolved that alternate meetings for social prayer be held in the different districts weekly, supervised in the absence of the Pastor by the Elder of the district, and that in family visitation the Elder of the district visited shall, when practical, accompany the Pastor."

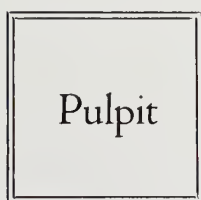
A definite system of contribution for the benevolences of the Church being necessary, the following resolution explains. As of the above date, "Resolved that we adopt the system recommended by the General Assembly in regard to contributions and that we take up such as proposed. Rev. D. W. Townsend asked the Session to join him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Parnassus congregation. A meeting of the congre-

gation was called and after a very general exchange of views it was on motion resolved; that the congregation acquiesce in Mr. Townsend's request, and that the Presbytery be requested to dissolve the Pastoral relation, which was done. By appointment, Rev. J. D. Morehead declared the pulpit vacant on the second Sabbath in July, 1867.

Added to the Church	14
Total membership	128
Baptisms	8
Sunday School	100
Benevolences	\$125.00
Congregational	949.00

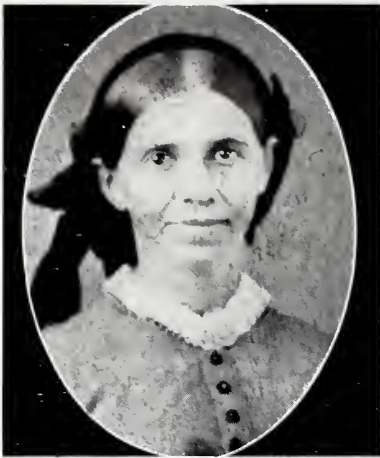
Original Seating Arrangement

James McKechnie
Henderson A. Wyllie
John McElwain
William Bakewell
William Bakewell



John G. McLain
John W. Dagan
Moses Wentz
George B. Armstrong
William Crooks

James Close
Robt. S. Dinsmore
Samuel Y. Cruson
Hugh J. Logan
Robt. M. McMath
Joseph C. Moody
John R. Daugherty
John M. Campbell
James H. Leslie
David A. Leslie
James M. McCrady
Thom. McLaughlin



MRS. TOWNSEND

MRS. BLACK

MRS. HILL

MRS. KENNEDY

MRS. GORDON

MRS. THOMPSON



Reverend John Porter Kennedy

Rev. John Porter Kennedy was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1825. He graduated from Jefferson College in 1854, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1857. He was licensed in 1856 by the Blairsville Presbytery, ordained in 1858 by the Saltsburg Presbytery. He was Pastor at Cherry Tree, Pa., 1858 to 1868; Pine Grove 1858 to 1860; stated Supply at Bethesda 1860 to 1868; Parnassus installed December 29, 1868 and served here until 1876. Pastor at Armagh 1876 to 1881; Centerville (now New Florence) 1877 to 1880. Rev. Kennedy did supply work from 1881 to 1895 and died in Parnassus January 1, 1896.

Rev. Kennedy was a strong preacher. It was said he was a friend and close companion of his successors in the pastorate here, and numbered all the Ministers of the community as friends. His remains, and those of his wife, are at rest under the shadows of the old oak trees in front of the Church.

Rev. J. P. Kennedy, the third pastor, was chosen at a congregational meeting called for that purpose, moderated by Rev. J. E. Carothers. He accepted the call and was regularly installed on December 29, 1868.

Rev. J. D. Morehead presided and propounded the Constitutional questions. Rev. W. W. Woodend preached the sermon. Rev. D. J. Irwin charged the pastor and Rev. J. E. Carothers charged the people.

The new pastorate began with a well organized church. Rev. J. P. Kennedy, Moderator; John W. Logan, Michael Shoop, A. H. Wylie and John W. Dugan, Elders; John McElwain, George Hoffman and David M. Alter, Trustees. By the order of the Synod the Presbyterial lines were changed and the Parnassus Church, and Rev. J. P. Kennedy, were placed again in Blairsville Presbytery.

Mr. George L. Lee and Mrs. Rebecca G. Lee, his wife, were dismissed Feb.

6, 1871, to unite with a Presbyterian Church about to be organized in the vicinity of Hulton Station. This is the beginning of the Oakmont Presbyterian Church.

Elder John W. Logan, the first Ruling Elder of the Church, and his wife were dismissed to a Presbyterian Church in the City of Pittsburgh, April 21, 1871. The Session's duty is to receive and dismiss persons, into, and out of, the Church. But at times when there was no other business the Session would spend the time of the meeting in discussing the spiritual condition of the church and community. They would then spend an hour in prayer for God's blessing on the Church and its work.

Parnassus was incorporated into a Borough April 9, 1872 and remained such until 1931, when Parnassus and New Kensington united to form a third class city. Eleven members of this Church were dismissed September 14, 1873, one of them Michael Shoop, an Elder, to unite with a church about to be organized at Springdale. This is the origin of the Cheswick Presbyterian Church.

Mr. S. Y. Cruson, and William Bakewell, Esq., having previously been elected as Ruling Elders were, on August 2, 1874, at the close of the service solemnly inducted into office; the former by ordination and installation, and the latter by installation (having formerly been a Ruling Elder in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh).

A prayer service was started on Wednesday Evening, and one was started also in the waiting room of the Railroad Station at Arnold for the portion of the congregation in that part of the community.

A record of the Presbytery dated January 21, 1875—"A petition from a number of citizens of Parnassus, asking for the organization of a Second Presbyterian Church, at that place, was presented to the Presbytery. The following minute was adopted with reference to this petition, inasmuch as it is well known to the members of this Presbytery that the Church of Parnassus is comparatively weak, and inasmuch as the petition sets forth no facts going to show that the organization of a second church is necessary, and as the parties presenting the petition are not present to give us any light on the subject, therefore resolved that the petition be returned to the persons who signed it, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to send with it a copy of this action of the Presbytery".

Rev. J. P. Kennedy requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the congregation of Parnassus at the Presbytery April 26, 1876. The congregation having reported a tie vote on the question of acquiescing in this request the request was granted.

On Monday, June 12, 1876, the congregation called Rev. Whiting C. Burehard of the Presbytery of Allegheny to become the Pastor. He did not accept the call.

The report of 1876 to the Presbytery:

Received into the membership	18
Total membership	137
Baptisms	12
Sabbath School	123
Benevolence	\$644.00
Congregational	940.00



Reverend John Knox Black

John Knox Black was born in Allegheny, Pa., March 8, 1842. He graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in 1870. He was licensed by the Allegheny Presbytery in 1869, and ordained July 27, 1870 by the Presbytery of Erie. He was stated Supply of the Hazelwood Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1869 and 1870; Pastor at Waterford 1870 and 1871; stated Supply at Mount Vernon, Iowa 1871 to 1873; Lonaconning, Md., 1873 to 1877; Parnassus 1877 to 1882; Pastor at Bucyrus, Ohio 1882 to 1886; Cadiz, Ohio 1887 to 1889; Grace Church, Peoria, Ill., 1890 to 1891; Quincy, Ill., 1892 to 1894.

Dr. Black then went over to the Episcopal denomination and served in that church until his death, which occurred March 5, 1919. Dr. Black was one of the great preachers of his day. He was a fine pastor in the truest and broadest sense of that term.

The congregation on November 6, 1876 called Rev. John Knox Black of Lonaconning Presbyterian Church. The call was presented to the Presbytery January 22, 1877. It was put into Mr. Black's hands and accepted and arrangements were made for his installation. The installation took place on February 8, 1877 at 2:00 P.M. Rev. D. W. Townsend preached the sermon and propounded the Constitutional questions. Rev. W. W. Morehead charged the pastor and Rev. George Hill, D.D. charged the people.

Rev. Mr. Black began his service here with much encouragement. In April the congregation elected a new Board of Trustees. R. S. Dinsmore and W. R. Logan were elected for one year; John McElwain and H. J. Logan for two years; and Robert P. Crawford and George B. Armstrong for three years.

At a congregational meeting in July the Church adopted the Rotary System of Eldership. It was left to the Session, after the newly elected Elders shall be organized, to divide themselves into three classes, to serve for one, two, and

three years, respectively, so that thereafter one class shall be elected each year. The vote was by ballot and J. W. Dugan, W. Bakewell, A. H. Wylie, O. M. Bossert, Thomas B. Kerr and Joseph Moody were elected Ruling Elders.

On Sabbath, July 29, Mr. Joseph Moody was ordained to the office of Ruling Elder. He, with Mr. O. M. Bossert, had previously been ordained and Messrs. J. W. Dugan, A. H. Wylie and Wm. Bakewell, the former Elders of this Church, were duly installed, Ruling Elders of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church. Mr. T. B. Kerr, who had been elected to that office, declined to serve.

After divine service the Session met and was constituted with prayer. On motion it was resolved that Elders Dugan and Wylie serve for the term of three years, Elders Bossert and Moodey for the term of two years, and Elder Bakewell for the term of one year.

Beginning on April 13, 1877, the pastor was to preach two evenings a month in Arnold. In July, 1878, a congregational meeting was held to elect two elders for the term of three years. Wm. Bakewell and George B. Armstrong were elected. It was decided by the Session that each Elder urge the organization of a prayer service on each Thursday Evening in each of their districts of the congregation.

In May, 1879, in the Narrative sent up to the Presbytery they report, "The most gratifying and encouraging report, the Session would make, is the organization of a Young Men's Prayer Meeting, in the congregation, which meets on Saturday Evening, and is being continued with a marked degree of interest."

On June 30, 1879, a congregational meeting was held for the election of officers. Elders O. M. Bossert and Joseph P. Moody were reelected for three years and Trustee John McElwain and H. J. Logan for a term of three years; Alex W. Logan for two years, and J. L. McCallip for one year. Mr. McCallip took the place of Mr. Armstrong who had been elected an Elder the preceding year, and Mr. Alex W. Logan took the place of Robert McMath who did not serve.

The envelope system of taking the offerings was adopted at this time and has since been used.

On March 5, 1882, Rev. John Kerr, the Moderator, read a letter from the Pastor asking the congregation to join in his request that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between him and this congregation, to take effect on the 26th inst., that he might be free to accept a call extended to him from Bueyrus, Ohio. The congregation agreed to the dissolution and Mr. G. C. MeJunkin, Mr. J. P. Lane and Mr. John McElwain were appointed to draft a resolution concerning the relations existing between Mr. Black and the congregation which was presented to the Presbytery together with the Pastor's request.

Rev. Mr. Black was dismissed. The pulpit was declared vacant April 1, 1882. The report to the Presbytery at the close of this pastorate:

Added to the membership	14
Total Communicants	157
Baptisms	9
Sabbath School	150
Benevolences	\$ 230.00
Congregational	1,404.00



Reverend Seth Reed Gordon

Rev. Seth Reed Gordon, D.D. was born October 31, 1852 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Westminster College in 1874. He attended Auburn Theological Seminary in 1874 and 1875; and graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1877. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Highland University, Kansas in 1894, and L.L.D. from Waynesburg College in 1908. He was licensed April 25, 1876 and ordained June 19, 1877, both by Shenango Presbytery.

Rev. Gordon was Pastor at Pulaski, Pa., 1876 to 1880; Shenango, Pa., 1880 to 1882; Parnassus 1882 to 1889; Pittsburgh 1890 to 1894; Uniontown 1894 to 1896.

Dean, and teacher of Bible in Henry Kendall College, Tulsa, Okla., 1896 to 1908. President of the University of Tulsa 1908 to 1912; President Emeritus 1912, until his death February 8, 1929. His residence was Tulsa from 1908 until his death. Mrs. Gordon still lives there.

Dr. Gordon was a kindly man, attractive in manner, of marked personality, a preacher of power, a student, a teacher, an author, and a friend of all who knew him.

Dr. Gordon was called to become the Pastor on September 1, 1882. The call was presented to the Presbytery on Sept. 3. He accepted and arrangements were made for his installation. The service was held on December 24, 1882 at 1:30 P.M. Rev. John Kerr was invited to act as Moderator and propound the Constitutional questions! Rev. W. W. Morehead preached the sermon. Rev. T. R. Ewing delivered the charge to the Pastor and Rev. D. W. Townsend the charge to the people.

The officers at the beginning of this pastorate were :

Dr. S. R. Gordon, Moderator

Trustees: John M. McElwain

Hugh J. Logan

R. S. Dinsmore

John McCracken

J. L. McCallip

R. P. Crawford

Elders: J. W. Dugan

Wm. Bakewell

G. C. McJunkin

O. M. Bossert

Joseph Moody

From the time of organization of the Church the regular services of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper were a preparatory service on Saturday afternoon, the observance with a sermon on Sabbath morning, and a service with a sermon on Monday.

At the congregational meeting on June 30, 1883, the Monday service was, by vote of the congregation, discontinued. A resolution was made that the trustees take into consideration the propriety of enlarging our church lot by purchasing such adjacent lots as they may think best for the purpose.

The Charter of Incorporation was read and was adopted by the congregation.

The Church Charter

To the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County :

The Petition of John McElwain, Hugh J. Logan and John McCracken, all of Plum Township, in the County of Allegheny, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and R. S. Dinsmore, James M. Kerr, James K. Bakewell and R. P. Crawford, all of Lower Burrell Township, in the said County of Westmoreland, and said Commonwealth, humbly represents that your petitioners, having with other persons, associated together, for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the public worship of God, and for that purpose having organized a congregation, at Parnassus, in the said County of Westmoreland, are desirous of being incorporated, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania approved the 20th day of April A. D. 1874, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations" pray that a charter be granted unto them as set forth in the accompanying certificate.

John McElwain

John McCracken

R. P. Crawford

James K. Bakewell

Hugh J. Logan

R. S. Dinsmore

James M. Kerr

Charter

The persons whose names appear herein, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having with other persons, associated together, for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the public worship of God, and for that purpose having gathered a congregation at Parnassus, in the County of Westmoreland in said Commonwealth, are desirous of being incorporated, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania approved the 29th day of April A. D. 1874, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and

regulation of certain corporations''. Therefore they do hereby set forth and declare the object articles and conditions of their association as follows:

1st: The name of the Corporation is the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus.

2nd: The purpose for which this Corporation is formed is to provide and maintain the public worship of God in conformity with the Confession of Faith, and the Directory of Worship of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, and subject to the form of government and discipline thereof, and to this end, to acquire and hold, real and personal property, erect and maintain a house, or houses, of worship, and such other buildings as parsonage or manse, lecture and school rooms, as may be needful, for the said Church and congregation.

3rd: The place for religious services and for transacting the business of the Corporation shall be the Borough of Parnassus, County and Commonwealth aforesaid.

4th: The term for which the Corporation is to exist, and for which corporate privileges are sought, is perpetual.

5th: The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows, viz., John McElwain, Hugh J. Logan and John McCracken residing in Plum Township, in the County of Allegheny, and said Commonwealth, and R. S. Dinsmore, James M. Kerr, James K. Bakewell and R. P. Crawford residing in Lower Burrell Township, in said County of Westmoreland, and said Commonwealth.

6th: The Trustees of the Corporation shall be elected from among the members of said Corporation; they shall be six in number, unless the number is increased by vote of the members present, and voting at any annual or special meeting; and two of said Trustees shall be elected for the term of three years, by the members of the Corporation, by ballot at each annual meeting, or in case of failure to elect, or to hold such meeting, then at any special meeting, called for that purpose, and shall continue in office for such term of three years, and until their successors are elected; and at the first annual meeting there shall also be elected by the members of the said Corporation, as aforesaid, two Trustees to serve for one year; and until the first annual meeting after the granting of this Charter the said John McElwain, Hugh J. Logan, John McCracken, R. S. Dinsmore, R. B. Crawford and James M. Kerr shall be Trustees. In case of any vacancy in the board of trustees, occurring by death, resignation, or removal from the bounds of the congregation, such vacancy or vacancies may be filled for the unexpired term or terms of the party or parties creating such vacancies by election in the manner herein before provided at any regular or special meeting.

7th: The annual meeting of this Corporation shall be held on the Saturday preceeding the first Sabbath of the month of July in each year; and the Trustees, and the Session of the Church, or any ten members of the Corporation, may call a special meeting at any time by giving notice thereof from the Pulpit on at least two Sabbath days previons to the time of such meeting.

8th: This Corporation has no capital stock divided into shares having any par value, but every member of the congregation contributing to its support during the year, and all communicating members of said Church, hereby incorporated, who have been received, and continue in common union therewith, in accordance with the discipline of the Presbyterian Church, shall be members of this

Corporation, and as such be entitled to vote at all annual or other business meetings thereof.

9th: All real and personal estate held and owned by the Corporation shall be subject to the control and management of the Trustees, who shall have the disposal and application of the public money, raised by the said Corporation, to the uses for which it was contributed, or designed, excepting that money collected for the Lord's Table, and for the poor shall be under management and control of the Deacons of the Session of the Church. But no portion of the real estate of this Corporation shall be sold, or conveyed, or in any manner disposed of, nor the place of stated worship changed by the Trustees, except with the assent of at least two thirds of the Session of said Church, and of two thirds of the contributing and communicating members of the Corporation present and voting, at a regular or special meeting called as hereinbefore provided, the notice of which meeting shall state that the question of the sale, conveyance, or disposal of such property, will be then considered; provided, however, that the house of worship of said congregation shall not be used for any other purpose than religious and business meetings of the said Corporation in case such other use is forbidden by the Session of the Church.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 16th day of May A. D. 1883:

John McElwain
Hugh J. Logan
John McCracken
R. S. Dinsmore

R. P. Crawford
James M. Kerr
James K. Bakewell.

Be it remembered that on 18th day of May A. D. 1883, before me, the Recorder of Deeds, in and for said County, came R. P. Crawford, James M. Kerr and James K. Bakewell, three of the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing certificate, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Witness my hand, and the seal of the said office, the day and year aforesaid,

WILLIAM HUGUS.
Recorder's Seal.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Westmoreland Co. } ss:

In the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County:

The foregoing instrument certified under the hand and official seal of the Recorder of Deeds, of the County of Westmoreland, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been presented to me, the undersigned, a Law Judge of the said County, accompanied by proof of publication of the notice, required by the Act of Assembly in such cases, and the said instrument, having been by me perused and examined, I hereby certify that the same is found to be in the proper form that it is within the purposes named in the first class of the Corporations, authorized by the said act, and that it is lawful, and not injurious to the community.

It is accordingly ordered and decreed that, said Charter is approved, and that upon the recording of said Charter, and this order, the subscribers

thereto, and their associates and successors, shall be a Corporation, upon the terms stated therein, under the Corporation name of the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus.

June 11, 1883

JAMES A. HUNTER, Pres't Judge.

Realizing the need of a new church a definite movement was begun. A congregational meeting was called on April 12, 1884. After some remarks Mr. J. W. Logan offered to give the congregation a lot of ground, 120 feet square, with a lot outside the said 120 feet for sheds 200 feet long and 40 feet wide and fifteen hundred dollars in cash.

Somewhat of a heated discussion was carried on as to the location of the church. Some wanted to build on the lot offered by Mr. Logan, and others on the site of the old church. The vote was taken by ballot at a congregational meeting on May 26, 1884 and by a large majority favored building on the site of the old church.

A building committee was chosen consisting of Wm. Bakewell, Esq., Chairman, H. J. Logan, L. S. Strasser, R. P. Crawford and G. B. Armstrong. In the meantime a group of young men were chosen to take up a subscription—Joseph Leslie, Fulton Dugan, L. S. Strasser, James M. Kerr, and Lincoln Armstrong.

The subscription committee reported they had \$5,618.00 subscribed for the new site, and \$4,523.00 for the old site. They called for a vote and those favoring the site of the old church were very much in the majority, and the committee on the erection of the church was instructed to proceed. They declined the offer made by Mr. Logan but with a most magnanimous spirit he contributed very generously to the new undertaking.

Dr. Gordon was made a member of the committee.

Looking forward toward the proper assurance of the church property, the church having been chartered in 1883, the deed for the property which was made between Mr. Logan and the Trustees of the Church, another deed made between Mr. Logan and the Church as a corporation, was made, on the same terms and for the same property. See tract 1.

Knowing that some land would be necessary on which either to build the new church or to temporarily place the old one Mr. Robert P. Crawford and Mr. Wm. Bakewell purchased, on August 21, 1884, from Isaiah Masters and his wife, for the sum of \$200.00, a lot of ground in Parnassus. Immediately thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Bakewell transferred this same lot, by deed, to the Parnassus Church for one dollar. See tract 2.

The original church was moved to this lot on the corner of what is now Mas' Way and Church Street.

During the short period of the moving of the old Church, and until it was ready for use on its new location, the congregation worshipped, by invitation, in the Methodist Church, then on Bridge Street.

The Committee appointed to have charge of the building of the new church were Mr. Wm. Bakewell, Chairman, Messrs. H. J. Logan, L. S. Strasser, R. P. Crawford and G. B. Armstrong.

The church was to be frame. It was contracted for with Watt and Sandals on their bid of \$7,900.00. The Church, equipped for service, cost about \$10,000.00. The old building was used until the new one was completed and was then used

as an assembly hall and later as an Academy, when these academies were quite common. The need of them ceased when extended courses came into the High Schools. There are still a few in the community who attended the "Old Academy".

After that the old church was used for various public meetings in the community until the need of an addition to the church for Sabbath School purposes became imperative, when the old building was torn down and all the material that could be salvaged was used in erecting the Sunday School department of the present Church. So the material built into the church in 1842 is still in use and will be for a number of years to come.

Mr. John W. Logan having returned to Parnassus was in July, 1884, re-elected to the eldership. He being the first Elder elected in the church. He served until his death in October, 1889.

Mr. Joseph Moody elected 1877 was dismissed on October 3, 1884; and Mr. O. M. Bossart, elected at the same time as Mr. Moody, was dismissed April 25, 1885.

Another deed was executed the 25th of February, 1885, between John W. Logan and the Parnassus Church for the consideration of one dollar; the property as marked on the plot, tract 3.

On May 9, 1885 a deed was executed between Reverend John P. Kennedy and Mary, his wife, and the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus for the sum of \$455.00 the property as described. Said lot of ground hereby conveyed, to be used for church purposes but not for a burial ground or cemetery. See tract 4.

The Church was dedicated September 10, 1885. A small printed booklet containing the program and the hymns that were sung was printed.

Dedication Services

of

Presbyterian Church

Parnassus, Pa.

Rev. S. R. Gordon, Pastor

September 10, 1885

Order of Exercises and Hymns

Mrs. J. Sharp McDonald will sing at each service.

Morning Service

11:00 A. M. Eastern Standard Time

Anthem—"The Earth is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof".

Invocation by the Pastor.

1st HymnBy the Pastor

ScriptureRev. J. P. Kennedy

Dedicatory Prayer

2nd HymnRev. W. S. Miller

Dedicatory SermonBy Rev. S. F. Scovel, D.D.

PrayerRev. Alexander Young, D.D.

3rd HymnRev. William McKibben

Benediction

Afternoon Service

2:30 P. M.

Short Prayer	
100th Psalm	Rev. J. C. McFeeters
	Address by Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D.D.
5th Hymn	Rev. J. R. Stockton
	Address by Rev. J. D. Moffatt, D.D.
Scripture	Rev. H. T. McClelland
	Address by Rev. James Allison, D.D.
6th Hymn	Rev. O. H. Miller
	Address by Rev. E. P. Cowan
	Address by Rev. W. S. Miller
Reading Psalm	7th Hymn
	Address by Rev. W. H. Jeffers, D.D.
8th Hymn	Rev. J. M. Hamilton
	Closing Address by Rev. D. W. Townsend
Closing Hymn	
Benediction	Rev. John Kerr

Evening Service 8:00 P. M.

Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord"	
Opening Hymn	Rev. H. T. McClelland
Scripture	Rev. George Hill, D.D.
Prayer	Rev. D. W. Townsend
11th Hymn	Rev. J. W. Kessler
	Sermon by Rev. Wm. McKibben
Closing Prayer	Pastor
23rd Psalm	Rev. C. H. Marshall
Benediction.	

An extract from the "Narrative of the Church" sent to the Presbytery in April, 1885, is significant, "It has been an era of peace and prosperity, although during the year we have had to settle the question of location and all other perplexing matters connected with building a new church, yet we are rejoiced to say, these have all been settled, and perfect peace and harmony abounds."

Dr. Gordon received a call to the Central Presbyterian Church in November, 1887, and decided to remain in Parnassus.

The Session being depleted by removals a meeting of the congregation was called on July 7, 1888, when W. F. Wilson, J. W. Peebles and R. S. Dinsmore were elected and at another meeting one week later John W. Dugan and John McElwain were elected, and all were installed on July 14, 1889.

Dr. Gordon having received a call from the Elmer Street Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, was dismissed at a called meeting of the Presbytery held October 24, 1889, with the understanding that the Church was to be supplied by Dr. Gordon until December first, at which time the church would be declared vacant.

The report at the close of Dr. Gordon's pastorate:

Received into membership	38	Sunday School members	150
Whole number of members	275	Benevolence contributions	\$1,284.00
Baptized	9	Congregational	2,621.00



Reverend Thomas G. Franklin Hill

Rev. Thomas G. Franklin Hill was born at Harrisville, Pa., October 15, 1865. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1887 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1890. He took post graduate work at the University of Edinburg, Scotland in 1890 and 1891.

Rev. Hill was licensed April 24, 1889 by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and ordained June 26, 1890 in the Parnassus Church by the Presbytery of Blairsville. He was Pastor of the Parnassus Church 1890 to 1893; of the Wakefield Church, Germantown, Pa., 1893 to 1899. Dr. Hill died November 22, 1899. His was a short but intense ministerial life.

Dr. Hill was an impressive speaker, a great sermonizer, whose sermons were frequently recognized by the press of England; a writer, author of the *Christian Endeavor Hour*, parts 1, 2 and 3.

A call from the Church of Parnassus for the pastoral services of Rev. T. F. Hill was presented to the Presbytery April 15, 1890. It was found in order and laid on the table until he should be present. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Parnassus on June 24 for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. Hill. When the hour to which the Presbytery adjourned had arrived Dr. W. W. Morehead took the chair and offered prayer. Mr. W. J. Peebles was elected clerk, the temporary clerk being absent. There not being a quorum the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Parnassus on June 26 at two o'clock and closed with prayer.

When the Presbytery met, according to adjournment, Rev. T. F. Hill was received from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Hill was ordained "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery". Dr. George Hill offered the ordination prayer. The call from the Parnassus Church was taken from the table and placed in his hands and accepted.

A committee previously appointed in anticipation of this action reported. Dr. Morehead, Moderator to preside; Rev. John F. Hill, father of the newly ordained minister, of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh to preach the sermon; Rev. J. B. Dickey to charge the people and Rev. Dr. Wightman to charge the Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Hill began his pastorate with a well equipped and organized Church.

The Session: Mr. Hill, Moderator.

Elders: Wm. Bakewell, John W. Dugan, R. S. Dinsmore, John McElwain, W. J. Peebles, W. F. Wilson.

Trustees: H. J. Logan, John McMath, L. S. Strasser, Joseph Leslie, W. R. Logan.

The Session decided that the communion services would be held on the second Sabbath in January, April, July and October. A rule the Church still follows except that the April Communion is held each year on Easter.

Rev. Mr. Hill asked for, and was granted, a five month leave of absence to take post graduate work in Edinburg, Scotland. He was to be paid his full salary, he to supply the pulpit at his own expense.

The Communion Service which was used until the individual cup service was adopted was presented to the Church by Elder William Bakewell on January 15, 1892. It is still a prized possession of the Church.

The Parnassus Church has always kept its history before the people by celebrating the various anniversaries of its beginning. The first program for one of these was the fiftieth anniversary. Two days were given over to the exercises, and with the program on a neat folder card was an invitation to attend the celebration.

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You are invited to be present
at the
Semi Centennial Celebration
of the organization of the
Parnassus Presbyterian Church
on Saturday and Sabbath
July 2nd and 3rd, '92.

Programme

Saturday, July 2nd, '92

11:00 A.M.—Service Sermon by Rev. John K. Black, D.D.

1:00 P.M.—Dinner served in the old Church Building

2:30 P.M.—Reminiscences

Sabbath, July 3rd, '92

11:00 A.M.—Communion Golden Offering

7:30 P.M.—“The Past—its Lessons”.....Rev. D. W. Townsend, D.D.

“The Present—its Needs”.....Rev. J. P. Kennedy

“The Future—its Promise”.....Rev. D. R. Gordon

There was also a Semi Centennial Hymn written for the occasion.

Tune—"America"

For fifty years of life	Our father's God and ours,
Free from all storm and strife,	'Mid every storm that lowers
Today we praise;	Stand by our side!
Lord of all life, to Thee	Through the dark vale we tread,
Father of spirits free	Fear from our hearts hath fled,
Almighty One in Three	Hope springs where once was dread
Our song we raise.	With Thee our guide.
Long hast Thou led us here,	Thus as we seek our rest,
Sheep of Thy tender care,	Ev'n now supremely blest,
Shepherd above!	Pilgrims, we sing—
In pastures green and fair,	Soon shall we come again,
By waters still and clear,	Banished all tears and pain,
Ev'n when the way was drear,	With Thy dear Son to reign;
With tireless love.	Praise to our King.

An interesting statistical summary for the fifty years was given:

Added on Examination.....	695
Added on Certificate.....	557
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Total.....	1,252
Infants baptized	431
Adults baptized	97
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Total.....	528

Contributions:

Home Missions	\$9,482.00	
Foreign Missions	8,473.00	
Education	820.00	
Sabbath School Work	942.00	
Church Erection	1,088.00	
Ministerial Relief	1,291.00	
Freedmen	2,106.00	
Sustentation	820.00	
General Assembly	669.00	
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Congregational	\$80,321.00	
Miscellaneous	3,762.00	
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Total		\$109,774.00

On February 12, 1893 Mr. David Leslie was chosen choir leader and Miss Edith Bradt organist, with the understanding that she was to be allowed something for her services.

In the narrative submitted to the Presbytery in April, 1893, an interesting note relative to the changes of population was given. "A marked change is noted in the community, from the large influx of foreigners coming into our midst, with the usual attendant evil of the saloon."

William Bakewell, a Ruling Elder from August 2, 1874 until April 14, 1893, was dismissed to unite with a church in Pittsburgh.

Mr. S. C. Borland and Dr. L. H. Frantz were ordained and installed Ruling Elders on Sunday, July 16, 1893.

On April 2nd the Pastor having received a call from the Wakefield Presbyterian Church of Germantown after due consideration decided to accept the same; a congregational meeting was called to determine whether the congregation was willing to unite with Mr. Hill in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between them and their Pastor.

The request was made to the Presbytery meeting April 18, 1893, and granted.

The annual report of the Church 1893:

Added to the Church.....	59
Total Communicants	320
Baptisms	16
Sabbath School	328

Contributions—

Benevolences	\$1,974.00
Congregational	2,898.00



First Picture of Present Church



Reverend Jesse Lee Cotton

Rev. Jesse Lee Cotton, D.D. was born at Pulaski, Pa., April 28, 1862. He graduated from Westminster College in 1885, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1888; took post graduate work at the Western Theological Seminary in 1888 and 1889. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Grove City College in 1904 and L.L.D. from Ogden College, Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1918.

Dr. Cotton was licensed by the Presbytery of Shenango April 26, 1887, and ordained by the Presbytery of Butler September 3, 1889. He was Pastor of Centerville (Slippery Rock) and North Liberty, Pa., 1889 to 1893; of Parnassus 1893 to 1895; of Coraopolis 1895 to 1908; Instructor in Semitics, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary 1907 to 1910; Professor of (Old Testament, Exegesis Hermeneutics and Christian Sociology) at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky 1910 until his death.

Dr. Cotton lived at Anchorage, Kentucky, a quiet man of keen analytical mind, a finished scholar, a good teacher, an excellent pastor and a delightful christian gentleman; still kindly remembered and much beloved by the elder folk of Parnassus.

A meeting of the Parnassus congregation was held on August 27, 1893, for the purpose of calling a pastor. But on that date Reverend J. P. Kennedy, who supplied the pulpit, and conducted the congregational meeting, "for good and sufficient reasons" thought best that the election of a pastor be not held at that time. The meeting adjourned until September 2nd at which time the Reverend J. L. Cotton of Slippery Rock was duly elected pastor.

At the meeting of the Presbytery September 19th a call was presented from the congregation of Parnassus for the pastoral services of Jesse L. Cotton of the Presbytery of Butler. The call was found in order and permission was given

to the congregation to prosecute the call, before the Presbytery of Butler, with leave to preach until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

In the minutes of Session of September 17th the following interesting action was taken: "It having appeared that since a recent meeting of the congregation, at which a call had been made out to the Rev. J. L. Cotton of Slippery Rock, that Mr. Cotton had been led to believe that said actions did not fully represent the wishes of the Session and the congregation, and that under such circumstances he had thought it advisable to decline the call, whereupon the following resolution was offered, Resolved: That in case the Rev. J. L. Cotton should see his way clear to accept the call, lately tendered him, by this congregation we as a Session assure him of our hearty support and cooperation in every way, to the best of our knowledge and ability".

Another action of the same meeting, "Inasmuch as there appears to be a desire, on the part of a number of residents of upper Kensington, to have a preaching station established there in connection with the Sabbath School now maintained, Mr. Wilson was authorized to submit the matter to the Presbytery, leaving it to their judgment what was best to do under the circumstances".

At the meeting of the Presbytery on December 12, 1893 Reverend J. L. Cotton was received from the Presbytery of Butler. "The Committee to arrange for Dr. Cotton's installation reported. The service to take place December 21, 1893 at 7:30 P.M. Reverend J. P. Kennedy to preside; Reverend J. A. Marquis to preach the sermon; Dr. Morehead to charge the people, and Dr. Jeffers of the Western Theological Seminary to charge the pastor."

On March 25, 1894, Reverend W. B. Carr, the Presbyterian Missionary, after some investigation, met with the Session to talk over the request of members from New Kensington, and it was decided to suggest to the Presbytery the organization of a Church there, if the Presbytery so decided.

A committee appointed to organize a church at New Kensington met May 12, 1894, in the hall of the Union Supply Company and, after preaching by Rev. J. A. Marquis, they organized a church, receiving fourteen persons by letter and three by examination. Joseph C. King, Joseph Romiskey and A. J. Messenheimer were elected and ordained Ruling Elders. By the vote of the congregation it was agreed the Church should be named The Arnold Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

A Change in the Charter

To the Honorable, the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County:

The Presbyterian Church of Parnassus is desirous of improving, amending, or altering the articles, and conditions of the Charter, to conform with the law in the following particulars:

First. The income of said Corporation, other than from Real Estate, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars annually.

Second. Any property, real or personal, which shall hereafter be bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to said Corporation, shall be taken and held to endure to it, subject to the control, and disposition of the lay members thereof.

or such constituted officers or representatives thereof as shall be composed of a majority of lay members.

Third. Alter and amend article 7 of said Charter, to read as follows: The annual meeting of this Corporation shall be held on the Saturday preceeding the first Sabbath in the month of April in each year; and the Trustees or Session, of the Church, or ten members of the Corporation, may call a special meeting, at any time, by giving notice thereof, from the pulpit, on at least two Sabbath days previous to the time of each meeting.

Fourth. Alter and amend that part of Article 6 of said Charter relating to vacancies on the Board of Trustees, occurring by death, removal or resignation, the remaining trustees may supply the vacancy thus created until the next election.

Fifth. That all money contributed for any purpose, except that for the current expenses of the Church, shall be under the control and management of the Session.

GEORGE S. YOUNG, *President*

JOS. FRANTZ, *Secretary*.

The petition was granted and the Charter was changed accordingly.

Reverend J. L. Cotton on September 29, 1895, reported that he had received a call from the Coraopolis Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis, Allegheny Co., Pa., and after due consideration he had decided to accept the same. A call was prepared for the congregation to convene on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12, 1895, after preparatory service to determine whether or not we shall unite with him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation in order to permit him to accept this call.

On October 13, in view of the fact that a commissioner had been appointed by the congregation to go to the Presbytery, uniting with our pastor, asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, Mr. Cotton was requested to ask the Presbytery, "that our pulpit be not declared vacant until November 1, 1895, during which time Mr. Cotton will supply the pulpit".

The request was granted and Reverend J. L. Cotton was dismissed to take effect on November 1, 1895.

The annual report submitted to the Presbytery April 1, 1896:

Added on examination	7	Sabbath School Work	42.65
Added on certificate	19	Church Erection	25.00
Total Communicants	329	Relief Fund	27.19
Adults baptized	2	Freedmen	30.20
Infants baptized	21	Sustentation	23.09
Sabbath School members	190	Aid for Colleges	10.09
Contributions:		Anniversary Reunion Fund ...	62.02
Home Missions	\$ 380.32	General Assembly	33.00
Foreign Missions	372.67	Congregational	1,844.93
Education	9.30	Miscellaneous	228.67

On February 12, 1896, the congregation extended a call to Reverend Charles G. Jordan, who later went into the field of Evangelism, in which he was very successful. He served one term as a member of the Assembly of Pennsylvania and was head of the State Agricultural Department for several years. He served as Stated Supply from April, 1896 to October, 1896, but did not accept the call to become pastor of the Church.

At a congregational meeting on April 12, 1896, Dr. Brown was elected Ruling Elder, and R. S. Dinsmore resigned the Eldership.

The following paper was presented to the Session, read, discussed, and laid on the table April 19, 1896.

"Whereas, by reason of the inconvenient location of the only Presbyterian Church in this vicinity, and believing, that the adherents of that faith residing in and near New Kensington, should have a more convenient place of worship, yet being loath to form an independent and separate church, believing that it must to a large degree cripple the work of the older church, therefore we, the undersigned members and supporters of Presbyterian Churches, residing in and near New Kensington, respectfully petition your aid toward this end; that you do this by forming an auxiliary of the Parnassus Church in New Kensington or, that you make some equally satisfactory arrangement." The paper was signed by fifty-three persons.

A congregational meeting was called for December 5, 1896, at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the Presbyterian situation in Parnassus and New Kensington. Looking forward to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in New Kensington, or, moving the Parnassus Church to a central location, for Presbyterianism in the three boroughs, Parnassus, New Kensington and Arnold. "At this meeting it was agreed by a large majority to have the Sabbath Evening Service in New Kensington, provided the people there furnish the hall, light, fuel and janitor service."

The Presbytery appointed Reverend Thos. J. Porter, stated supply of the Church, from December, 1896 to April, 1897, and Reverend Calvin G. Hazlett, Moderator of the Session.

On March 24, 1897, fifty-three letters of dismissal to the Presbyterian Church of New Kensington were granted. This is the beginning of the First Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

Elder W. J. Peebles presented his resignation as Ruling Elder as follows: "In view of the existing circumstances I feel that it would be to the best interests of the Church for me to retire from active work in the Session. Therefore, I would respectfully ask you to acquiesce in my request, to take effect at the close of the next Communion Service, April 11, 1897". The above was accepted unanimously, and it was agreed that the Session would recommend to the congregation that the number of Elders be increased from six to nine.

On March 28, 1897, the Session placed seventeen names on the reserve roll and spread the following on the minutes, "In view of Elder Peebles retirement from active service the Session votes to record its high appreciation of Brother Peebles' work as an Elder, and as Clerk of Session, and the gratitude of all his brother Elders, for his sincere, energetic and straightforward service, and his

faithful attendance to the Sessional work; but in view of his desire, and in view of the state of the Church, the Session accedes to his request, and hopes that, to fill his place and the place of those Elders whose terms now expire, the congregation may elect men under whose guidance the Church may regain prosperity”.

April 3, 1897, Dr. T. E. McConnell and W. G. Dugan were elected Ruling Elders.

It was decided to call a congregational meeting, for the purpose of calling a pastor, on December 24, 1897, at 2:30 P.M. Reverend J. M. Thompson was unanimously called from the Presbytery of Butler where he was Pastor of Evans City and Plains Churches.

The annual report of the congregation as of April 1, 1897:

Added on examination	8
Added on certificate	14
Total Communicants	232
Baptized Infants	3
Sabbath School Membership	125

Contributions:—

Home Missions	\$ 362.00
Foreign Missions	298.00
Education	11.00
Sabbath School work	32.00
Church Erection	15.00
Relief Fund	15.00
Freedmen	51.00
Sustentation	20.00
Aid for Colleges	10.00
General Assembly	33.00
Congregational	2,025.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Temperance Committee	2.00
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Reverend John Milton Thompson

Reverend John Milton Thompson was born at Harrisville, Ohio, August 16, 1871. He graduated from Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana in 1891; from the Western Theological Seminary 1894; received the honorary degree of D.D. from Franklin College in 1899. He was licensed in April, 1893, and ordained May 2, 1894, by the Presbytery of Allegheny. He was Pastor at Evans City and Plains, Pa., 1894 to 1897; Parnassus, 1897 to 1900; the Falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia, 1901 to 1904; Ninth Church of Troy, New York, 1904 to 1913; Russell Sage Memorial, Far Rockaway, New York City, 1913; Moderator of the Synod of New York in 1920; President of the Board of Church Extension, Presbytery of Brooklyn—Nassau, 1921. He lives at Far Rockaway, New York. An excellent preacher, a good pastor, a delightful companion and a fine friend.

Dr. John Milton Thompson was installed Pastor of Parnassus Church on October 13, 1897. A strange thing about this call was that Dr. Thompson was not known to be a candidate. Rev. Mr. Boyce was expected to supply the Church on the day Dr. Thompson came. He and Mr. Boyce had exchanged. Mr. Thompson had difficulty in persuading Elder John McElwain that a mistake had not been made, or that he was not Rev. Mr. Boyce.

We do not have a record of Dr. Thompson's installation, as the minutes of the Presbytery were placed in the care of a bank some years ago, and they were stored in the basement and the dampness made it impossible to read certain portions of them. One portion was between the close of the record of September 16, 1895, and September 21, 1898, and so we have no record of Dr. Thompson's transferral from Evans City to Parnassus.

Dr. Thompson began his pastorate as Moderator with Elders John W. Dugan, John McElwain, W. J. Peebles, S. C. Borland, S. V. Crusan, Dr. T. E.

McConnell, and W. G. Dugan. The last two had been elected several months before but were ordained and installed on November 21, 1897.

Trustees: H. J. Logan	Joseph Leslie
John McMath	W. R. Logan

John McElwain asked that he be relieved of his duties as Clerk of Session, giving as his reason, that it was a difficult task for him to write the proceedings of sessional meetings, and that on account of age it was often impossible for him to be present at the meetings of Session. The request was granted. Dr. T. E. McConnell was elected Clerk.

The use of the Church bulletin was adopted and the third Friday of each month at 3:30 P.M. was set as the time for the meetings of Session.

Pursuant with the call of Session the congregation met on April 2nd for the election of three Elders: W. J. Peebles, Samuel C. Borland and Samuel Y. Crusan were elected.

Mr. William Ross presented his resignation on May 1st as chorister and organist. A vote of thanks was tendered to him for his prompt and faithful service and the same to be spread on the minutes of Session. Miss Elizabeth Miller was elected to take the place of Mr. Ross.

Mr. Samuel C. Borland notified the Session he would not serve any longer as Elder. He had been reelected at the last congregational meeting. At the annual meeting on April 1, 1899, it was decided to lay aside the rotary system of Eldership and return to the life tenure. Mr. John W. Dugan, Mr. John McElwain and Mr. Samuel C. Borland were elected, with the understanding they serve for the remainder of their lives, and the others at the expiration of the period for which they had been elected be reelected on the life tenure.

Edward S. McConnell was recommended to the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry December 18, 1899.

On January 4, 1900, Ruling Elder John McElwain, aged seventy-three, passed to his eternal reward. He had served as a Ruling Elder for fifteen years. An appropriate minute was spread on the minutes of Session concerning his services for several years as Clerk of Session.

On March 31, 1900, the congregation elected W. G. Dugan, Dr. T. E. McConnell and I. J. Shearer, Elders. January 8, 1901 John W. Dugan died. He had been an Elder for forty-six years.

Dr. Thompson having received a call to the Falls of Schuylkill Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and, after due consideration he had decided to accept the same, a congregational meeting was called on Thursday afternoon, September 13, at 3:30 P.M., to determine whether or not we should unite with him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the Church, in order to permit him to accept the call.

August 11th Reverend J. M. Thompson effected a change of pulpits with Reverend C. Waldo Cherry of Natrona, on September 11, 1900.

At the meeting early in September the congregation united with Dr. Thompson in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation. The request was granted and Dr. Thompson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

On September 16 a petition signed by one hundred and thirty-four members of the congregation, requesting Session to call a congregational meeting on September 29, 1900, at 3:00 P.M. to take action, relative to the calling of a pastor. The request was granted. The congregational meeting called Rev. C. Waldo Cherry to be the Pastor of the Church, and requested the Presbytery that they be permitted to supply the pulpit, except on the Sabbaths of Presbyterial supplies. The request was granted and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Parnassus on November 22, 1900.

The Presbytery met in Parnassus according to adjournment and Rev. C. Waldo Cherry presented a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Allegheny. He was received into the Presbytery and his name placed on the roll.

The call from the Parnassus Church that had been found in order and laid on the table by the Presbytery was taken from the table, and placed in Rev. Mr. Cherry's hands, and accepted. A committee consisting of Rev. Franklin Orr, Rev. C. Waldo Cherry and Elder Borland was appointed to arrange for Dr. Cherry's installation.

The Committee reported that the Installation would take place Thursday evening, November 22nd, at 7:45 o'clock. Rev. Franklin Orr to preside and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. A. D. Hawn, D.D. of the Presbytery of Marion to preach the sermon; the Rev. Wm. O. Campbell of the Presbytery of Allegheny to charge the Pastor; and the Rev. A. Frank Walker of the Presbytery of Allegheny to charge the people. The report was adopted—the Presbytery closed with prayer.

The statistical report submitted to the Presbytery April, 1900:

Added on examination	31
Added on certificate	33
Dismissed and dropped	22
Deceased	3
Total number of Communicants	285
Baptized Adults	3
Baptized Infants	6
Sabbath School membership	215
Contributions:—	
Home Missions	\$ 250.00
Foreign Missions	332.00
Education	78.00
Sunday School work	55.00
Church Erection	21.00
Relief Fund	31.00
Freedmen	237.00
Synodical Aid	49.00
Aid for Colleges	22.00
General Assembly	17.22
Congregational	2,210.00
Miscellaneous	7.00

\$3,309.22



Reverend C. Waldo Cherry

Reverend C. Waldo Cherry was born in Allegheny, Pa., May 17, 1873. He graduated from Princeton University in 1894 and from Western Theological Seminary in 1897. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Rochester University. Dr. Cherry was licensed April 14, 1896 and ordained in 1897, by the Presbytery of Allegheny. He was Pastor at Natrona, Pa., 1897 to 1900; Parnassus, 1900 to 1903; Second Presbyterian Church of Troy, N. Y., 1903 to 1914; The Central Presbyterian Church of Rochester, N. Y., 1914 to 1921, and of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, 1921, until he retired. He lives in Harrisburg.

Dr. Cherry is a man of keen clear mind, a good sermonizer, an excellent preacher. He has wielded a kind, strong, loving Christian influence in each of the places he has ministered.

Dr. C. Waldo Cherry was installed Pastor of the Parnassus Church November 22, 1900, according to the appointment of Presbytery. He began his work with the Session Elders—S. Y. Crusan, S. C. Borland, W. G. Dugan, Dr. T. E. McConnell, W. J. Peebles and I. J. Shearer. Trustees: Hugh J. Logan, John McMath, W. R. Logan, Joseph Leslie, George S. Young, John M. Kennedy.

The congregation, realizing the need of a manse, authorized the Trustees to execute a deed for the purchase of a lot at the corner of Main and Church Streets.

John M. Kennedy and Zella M. Kennedy, his wife, deeded to the Parnassus Presbyterian Church April 1, 1901, the parcel of ground for the sum of \$625.00. See tract 5. On this lot they built the Manse at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. Shortly after the completion of the Manse two fires started, one by instantaneous combustion from oily rags, the other from the heater. It cost about \$1,200.00 to repair the damages. This property was used as the Manse until 1939, when the

Kennedy property was purchased by the Church for a Manse and the other sold to Mr. W. G. Dugan.

Mr. T. K. Cree and Mr. H. J. Logan were elected Elders April 15, 1901.

The congregation on April 6, 1901, elected four Elders—W. J. Peebles S. Y. Crusan, T. K. Cree and H. J. Logan. The individual communion service was adopted and used in the July Communion.

Dr. McConnell resigned as Clerk of Session. A minute of appreciation was spread on the records and Mr. H. J. Logan was elected Clerk.

On February 11, 1903 a called meeting of the congregation, to consider uniting with Dr. Cherry, in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Parnassus Church. The congregation complied with Dr. Cherry's request and Mr. Peebles was appointed by the Session, and Mr. J. M. Kennedy, to represent the people at the Presbytery. A minute of appreciation was placed on the minutes of Session.

A called meeting of the Presbytery was held in Greensburg February 17, 1903, at which time the pastoral relation was dissolved, and Dr. Cherry was dismissed to the Presbytery of Troy N. Y., Rev. L. C. Denise was appointed Moderator of the Session, and Dr. Cherry was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on March 1, 1903.

Annual report as of April 1, 1903:

Added on examination	16
Added on certificate	7
Dismissed	10
Deceased	2
Total Communicants	337
Adults baptized	6
Infants baptized	7
Sabbath School membership	251

Contributions:

Home Missions	\$ 93.00
Foreign Missions	456.00
Education	7.00
Sabbath School Work	52.00
Church Erection	10.00
Ministerial Relief	25.00
Freedmen	341.00
Synodical Aid	83.00
Aid for Colleges	15.00
General Assembly	32.60
Congregational	3,344.07



Reverend James Lowry McWilliams

Reverend James Lowry McWilliams was born on January 16, 1872 in Shelby County, Kentucky. He graduated from Center College in Kentucky in 1893; from Danville Theological Seminary in 1895 and was at Princeton Theological Seminary 1895 and 1896. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Portsmouth on September 10, 1896.

Mr. McWilliams served as Stated Supply for the Churches of Eckmanville and Mt. Leigh, Ohio, 1896-1898; Wilmington, Ohio, 1898-1903; Parnassus, Pa., 1903-1905; at Kingston, Ohio, in 1905. He lives in Sabina, Ohio, where he has been a farmer since 1905.

Mr. McWilliams was called at a meeting of the congregation on May 8, 1903, by a unanimous vote. F. A. Dugan and Elder T. K. Cree were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Presbytery at Latrobe June 23rd, Mr. McWilliams was received from the Presbytery of Chillicothe, Ohio and enrolled. The call from the Parnassus Church was placed in his hands and accepted. The installation service to be held on the evening of July 26, 1903. Rev. C. G. Hazlett to preside and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. L. C. Denise to charge the people; Rev. C. G. Jordan to charge the Pastor and the Rev. F. S. McWilliams to preach the sermon. The installation service was carried out according to the instructions of the Presbytery.

Mr. McWilliams began his ministry here with Ruling Elders S. Y. Crusan, I. J. Shearer, S. C. Borland, W. J. Peebles, H. J. Logan, W. G. Dugan, F. E. McConnell, and T. K. Cree. Trustees: R. A. Euwer, John L. Acklin, John M. Kennedy, Fulton A. Dugan, Joseph Leslie, George S. Young, Cyrus Masters.

At a meeting of the Session October 19th, the Pastor was granted permission to organize a Young Men's League, for the mutual benefit of the Church and the members of said League. A committee was named to act with the Pastor in carrying out this work, Prof. W. G. Dugan, Dr. T. E. McConnell and John M. Kennedy.

January 25, 1905, Rev. J. L. McWilliams having resigned, a congregational meeting was called after service February 5th to unite with Mr. McWilliams in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the Church; when the vote was taken it was lost and Messrs. Dugan, Kennedy and Fink were appointed to present the matter before the Presbytery.

At the called meeting of the Presbytery two days later Mr. McWilliams asked the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and the Parnassus Church. The representatives were heard and the request was granted, and the relation was dissolved to take effect any time at Mr. McWilliams option, before July 1, 1905. Rev. L. C. Denise was to become Moderator of the Session when Mr. McWilliams closed the pastorate.

Elder Israel J. Shearer died June 17, 1905. A minute was spread on the minutes of Session in appreciation of his life and work.

The annual report as of April 1, 1905:

Added on examination	30
Added on certificate	8
Dismissed	11
Deceased	2
Total Communicants	384
Adults baptized	2
Infants baptized	9
Sabbath School membership	275

Contributions:—

Home Missions	\$ 80.00
Foreign Missions	267.00
Education	6.00
Sabbath School Work	50.00
Church Erection	5.00
Ministerial Relief	12.00
Freedmen	65.00
Synodical Aid	75.00
Aid for Colleges	10.00
General Assembly	35.90
Congregational	4,625.00



Reverend William Melville Curry

Reverend William Melville Curry was born October 1, 1867, at Bloomington, Indiana. Early in life his parents moved to Nortonville, Kansas. He attended the schools there. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1893; from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary U. P. in 1896. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Sydney, April 3, 1895. He was ordained at Linesville, Pa., his first Pastorate December 21, 1896, and remained there until 1902. He was called that year to the Presbyterian Church of Lima, Ohio. Here he remained until 1906. He was Pastor of Parnassus from 1906 to 1912.

Dr. Curry was Pastor of the Fourth Church of Trenton, N. J., 1913-1920. His last charge was the Ninth Church in Philadelphia, 1920 to 1930 and he was Pastor Emeritus until his death December 19, 1934.

Dr. Curry received his honorary degree from Geneva College. He was Moderator of three Presbyteries and the Synod of Pennsylvania, 1929-1930. He was an author having published "The Pastors Corner" and "Illustrative Stories for Pulpit and Platform".

Dr. Eubank, his successor in the Ninth Church, just after Dr. Curry's death said in the Calendar, "His influential and consecrated life and sacrificial service will always abide and inspire those lives that were attracted and blessed by his ministry".

Reverend L. C. Denise moderated a meeting of the congregation to call a pastor. Reverend Wm. M. Curry of Lima, Ohio was chosen.

The call was presented to the Presbytery at Vandergrift, found in order, and laid on the table until Mr. Curry should become a member of the Presbytery.

At the meeting in Greensburg, December 12, 1905. Mr. Curry having been received and enrolled as a member of the Presbytery, the call was taken from the table, placed in his hands, and accepted.

The installation service was held December 18, 1905, at 7:30 P.M. Reverend L. C. Denise to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the Pastor; Reverend W. L. Barrett to preach the sermon; and Reverend J. F. Clokey to charge the people.

The induction of Dr. Curry, as Pastor of Parnassus, was carried out according to the direction of the Presbytery and he began his work as Moderator of the Session with the following.

Ruling Elders:	H. J. Logan, Clerk	Trustees:	R. A. Euwer
	W. G. Dugan		John L. Acklin
	S. Y. Crusan		John M. Kennedy
	George H. Fink		Fulton A. Dugan
	Peter Vanderwulp		Joseph Leslie
	W. J. Peebles		George S. Young
			Cyrus Masters

The Church Bulletin was introduced Sunday, May 6, 1906. In October, 1906, the Session adopted the duplex envelope system for contributions to the church.

At a congregational meeting of the Parnassus Church on February 3, 1907, it was decided to change the Charter to conform to the Act of Assembly of April 14, 1905, by adding thereto: "All property, real or personal, belonging to the said Corporation, or which shall hereafter be bequeathed, devised or conveyed to it, shall not be otherwise taken, held or to endure, than subject to the control, and disposition of the lay members of such church, congregation, or religious society, or such constituted officers, or representatives thereof, as shall be composed of the majority of lay members, citizens of Pennsylvania, having a controlling power, according to the rules, regulations, usages, or corporate requirements thereof, so far as consistent therewith".

By decree of the Court granted by Alexander McConnell, Judge, the petition for the change was granted on March 20, 1907, and the amendment made a part of the original Charter at the April meeting of the congregation. A. A. Brehm and D. S. Wills were elected elders. Mr. Brehm was ordained, and both were installed on April 14th.

A deed was executed on May 22, 1907, between Mrs. Sarah L. Knowland of Parnassus party of the first part, and the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus, party of the second part: Witnesseth: that the party of the first part, for, and in consideration, of the sum of One Dollar, granted that certain lot, bounded and described as follows. See Plot 6.

In December at a meeting of the Session and Trustees it was found the indebtedness of the Church was \$7,500.00. \$2,600.00 the balance due on the cost of the manse and \$4,900.00, the cost of the construction of the recent additions to the church building, including the heating system and the electric lighting. It also appears that about \$1,000.00 will be required early in 1908 to cover the cost of necessary repairs to the Church building and, whereas it does not seem expedient at this time to attempt to procure the funds, necessary to pay this indebtedness by individual subscription, but rather, to secure the amount in the form of Bonds, secured by mortgage on the real estate, of the corporation, payable

in annual installments during the next ten years, and; whereas: in order that the payment be met promptly when due, including charges for interest, it is necessary that the annual contributions for the current expense of the congregation be increased to at least Four Thousand Dollars; and, whereas, the success of the Church depends entirely on the interest manifested by its members as a whole, which interest can only be maintained by bringing the members into close touch with the actual management of its affairs, rather than by delegating such management to its officers, who are at most but servants of the congregation, be it therefore resolved by the Session and Trustees in joint meeting, assembled:

First: That each member of the Church, unless excused by the Session, shall be required to contribute to the support of the Church, such support being a requisite of good standing.

Second: That contributions to the current expenses of the Church shall be applied, by the Board of Trustees, to the support of the Church, including the payment of the salary of the Pastor, interest on indebtedness, principal, whether such indebtedness exists against the church building or the manse.

Third: That beginning on Saturday, April 4, 1908, the end of the present fiscal year, and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees be and is, hereby, authorized to publish, in suitable form, the names of all the members of the Church, the amount which each member is in arrears, at the beginning of such fiscal year; the amount subscribed by each member for the fiscal year; the amount paid, and the balance due at the end of the year; and a copy be mailed, or delivered, to each member of the congregation.

Fourth: That this resolution be read from the pulpit on Sunday, December 15, 1907, and a copy mailed to each member.

Fifth: That this Resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Session and Trustees.

The Trustees were authorized to take the necessary action to get the permission of the Court to issue bonds of \$250.00 each, for the sum of \$6,000.00 at 5.4% interest, bearing the date of April 1, 1908, and maturing \$1,000.00 in 1914; \$1,000.00 in 1915; \$1,250.00 in 1916; \$1,250.00 in 1917; and \$1,500.00 on April 1, 1918. A mortgage to be given of \$12,000.00 to the Logan Trust Company and placing as security the deeds of property. The Deed dated August 27, 1883 from John W. Logan; Deed dated May 9, 1885 from Reverend J. P. Kennedy and wife; and Deed dated May 22, 1907 from Mrs. Sarah L. Knowland; excepting therefrom, such portions of said real estate as is used for burial purposes, said mortgage to contain the usual customary thirty days "Scire Facies" clauses, for insurance and non-payment of interest. Wherefore, be it Resolved: by the Session, "that the action of the Church in the adoption of the foregoing resolution be, and the same is, hereby approved and ratified."

January 12, 1908 the Session expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Knowland for giving the land necessary for the convenient arrangement of the Church. Announcement was made that by resolution, adopted by the members of the Parnassus Church, as of September 7, 1907, the sale of the lot that was conveyed to the Parnassus Church by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Bakewell by deed dated October 6, 1884 to Mr. and Mrs. William Hardy for \$421.00.

On March 14, 1909 the Session adopted the plan of having a central treas-

urer for all the organizations of the Church. All monies of the Church to pass through his hands. The different organizations to give warrants for the amounts of their bills, and the Treasurer to issue all checks. John M. Kennedy was elected Treasurer.

The congregation on April 3, 1909 elected Homer K. Baker, John Wright, and Thomas N. Morrow, Ruling Elders.

A. A. Brehm presented his resignation as Clerk of Session and W. G. Dugan was elected in his place. The Session placed a minute of appreciation of Mr. Brehm's work and service on their minutes.

Arrangements were made for a three weeks evangelistic service with Reverend Charles G. Jordan, to begin November 21, 1909.

Beginning April 1, 1910, the Trustees were to publish a year book, annually. The book to contain reports of the various organizations of the Church, and such other information as shall be of interest to the congregation. It shall contain, also, the names of all members of the Church, together with the amounts subscribed by each member to current expense and benevolence for the preceding fiscal year, together with the amounts paid on account thereof during such period; provided however, that the first annual statement should contain only the amount subscribed for each member for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1911. A committee of twenty young men were appointed to assist in the work of the canvass.

S. Y. Crusan, a Ruling Elder of the Parnassus Church for thirty years, died February 20, 1910. The congregation elected J. D. Boydson on April 2, 1910.

A general letter calling the attention of the congregation to their duty in the work of their Church was printed on the back and front of the Church Calendar for August 28, 1910.

Two deeds were presented to, and accepted by, the joint boards. The first executed February 25, 1911. Between Alexander W. Logan and his wife, Katherine C. Logan, and the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus, the party of the first part, for the consideration of one dollar, grants to the party of the second part, all the undivided, one fourth interest, in three certain parcels of land, bounded and described as follows: See Plot 7.

The second executed February 27, 1911. Between John M. Kennedy and Mary A. Kennedy, his wife, and the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus, the party of the first part, for the consideration of one dollar, grants to, the party of the second part, all the undivided, three-fourths interest, in three tracts of land, bounded and described as follows: See Plot 8.

The following resolution was adopted, whereas; the heirs of John W. Logan, deceased, have conveyed to the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus, certain real estate, adjoining the site owned and occupied by the Church. Be it therefore, Resolved by the Session and Trustees, of this Church, that we express our appreciation of this gift to the heirs of John W. Logan, namely, William R. Logan, Alex W. Logan, John M. Wilson, William L. Wilson, John W. Logan, Mrs. Elsie

Logan Rhodes, James A. Logan, Jr., Henry M. Logan, Miss Judith M. Logan, and Mrs. Susan M. Spear.

W. M. Curry, *Moderator*
W. G. Dugan, *Clerk of Session*
G. F. Murphy, *Clerk of Trustees*

Whereas; this Church has received the gift from the heirs of John W. Logan, of certain real estate, adjoining the site, owned and occupied by this Church through the untiring efforts of John M. Kennedy in overcoming the difficulties attending the same. Be it resolved, by the Session and Board of Trustees, of this Church, that we express our appreciation to Mr. Kennedy for his patient and persistent work in the interest of the Church.

W. M. Curry, *Moderator*
W. G. Dugan, *Clerk of Session*
G. F. Murphy, *Clerk of Trustees*

Dr. Curry having received a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Atchison, Kansas, a meeting of the congregation was called, to which the following resolution was presented and adopted.

Whereas: it is believed that such dissolution, at this time, would be injurious to the best interests of the Lord's work in this field, and believing that our Pastor's act was prompted by proper motives, we believe, that the needs of this congregation require the continuation of his service, be it resolved, that we urge our Pastor to reconsider his decision, that we protest against the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

Mr. J. M. Kennedy was appointed to present the matter to the Presbytery, Mr. F. R. Alter to be his alternate.

Dr. Curry presented his request to the Presbytery at Johnstown on September 19, 1911. After hearing the representative of the Church, and mature consideration of the whole matter, the Presbytery refused to dissolve the pastoral relation between Dr. Curry and the Parnassus Church. On October 8th the combined boards, feeling that all was not harmonious in the Church, requested the Presbytery to send a Commission to make an investigation of the conditions, and to make recommendations for the adjustment of the differences.

That Commission, consisting of Rev. W. A. Ralston, Chairman, H. N. Davis, Secretary, Rev. A. O. Raber, Rev. W. G. Nevin, John W. Miller and W. B. Graham, made the investigation. After hearing all the parties concerned they instructed the Session to grant letters of dismissal, to certain persons, to Churches of their choice. This was done and after a time harmony was restored. This is the only time in the century that a Presbyterian Commission was called to the Church.

The Seventieth Anniversary was celebrated June 14, 15, 16, 1912.

Friday evening a reception was given to former ministers, members, and their friends, by the congregation from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock.

Saturday at 3:30 P.M.

Organ RecitalMrs. Sayers
Invocation and Lord's Prayer.....Rev. J. L. McWilliams
Quartet "Unto Thee O Lord, Do We Give Thanks".....Handel
Mr. Stott, Mrs. Curry, Miss McElwain, Mr. Morrow

Psalter—Selection 29

Hymn—116

Scripture Lesson.....Rev. J. K. Black, D.D.

Prayer.....Rev. C. W. Cherry, D.D.

Solo “*Angels Ever Bright and Fair*”.....Handel

Mrs. J. Walter Beyer

Address “*The Church of Yesterday*”.....Rev. J. K. Black, D.D.

Hymn—411

Address “*Building the Church*”.....Rev. S. R. Gordon, D.D.

Solo “*My Soul is Athirst for God*”.....Gaul

Mr. Wilbur Black

Prayer

Hymn—723

Benediction

PostludeSelected

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Saturday evening, 8:30 o'clock:

A lawn concern will be tendered by John McC. Kennedy at his residence to all the men, including former ministers, present and former members, and their friends. All men in any way interested in our Church are requested to bring their friends. Short talks will be made by Reverend Black, Gordon, Cherry, McWilliams, and Curry. Music will be furnished by Crooks Orchestra.

In the event of inclement weather the event will take the form of a porch party.

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Sabbath morning at 9:00 o'clock:

Sabbath School will convene at this special hour. The School will be under the direction of Mr. F. A. Dugan, Superintendent.

MusicThe Orchestra

Opening Exercises

The Period with the Lesson

Address.....Rev. J. L. McWilliams

Closing Exercises

The Lord's Prayer

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Sabbath morning, 10:30 o'clock:

Organ RecitalMrs. Sayers

Invocation and Lord's PrayerRev. J. K. Black, D.D.

Quartet “*Even Me*”Warren

Mr. Stott, Mrs. Curry, Miss McElwain, Mr. Morrow

Psalter—Selection 31

Hymn—98

Scripture Lesson.....Rev. J. L. McWilliams

Solo—“*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*”.....Handel

Miss Howell

Anniversary PrayerThe Pastor

OffertorySelected

Hymn—304
Benediction
Organ PostludeSelected

Dr. Curry having received a call to the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., the congregation was called to consider joining with him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between Dr. Curry and the Parnassus Church. The request was presented at a called meeting of the Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh on December 9, 1912. Dr. Curry was dismissed. The pastorate to close on December 15, just seven years after he had taken up his work in Parnassus. A portion of the record, spread on the minutes of Session, in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Curry follows.

Our congregation is proud of our seventy years of splendid history, and the present pastorate of seven years compares most favorably with all other periods in brilliancy of service, as a clear and definite policy exists today, regarding every organization of the Church. It seems most fitting, at this time, to express our appreciation of the service of song rendered by Mrs. Curry as she presented the Gospel in the most attractive form. God has blessed her exceptional talent to his glory.

The annual report at the close of Dr. Curry's pastorate:

Added on examination	36
Added on certificate	18
Dismissed	21
Placed on reserved roll.....	15
Deceased	3
Total Membership	490
Adult Baptisms	14
Infant Baptisms	14
Total Members in Sabbath School	286

Contributions:

Home Missions	\$ 602.00
Foreign Missions	200.00
Education	10.00
Sabbath School Work	10.00
Church Erection	10.00
Ministerial Relief	10.00
Freedmen	50.00
College Board	10.00
Temperance	10.00
General Assembly	57.48
Congregational	4,291.00
Miscellaneous	170.00
Bible Society	5.00



MRS. CHERRY
MRS. HODIL
MRS. BAUMGARTEL

MRS. CURRY
MRS. ERNEST
MRS. BOWDEN



Reverend Edward Amos Hodil

Reverend Edward Amos Hodil was born at Sharpsburg, Pa., May 24, 1871. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1896; from Western Theological Seminary in 1899; received the honorary degree of D.D. from W. and J. in 1923. He was licensed by Allegheny Presbytery in 1898 and ordained, by Steubenville Presbytery, in 1899. He was pastor at Minerva and Stillfork, Ohio, 1899 to 1905; Toronto, Ohio, 1905 to 1913; Parnassus, 1913 to 1918, and the Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, 1918 to 1931. He died at Uniontown November 26, 1931.

Dr. Hodil was a man of dynamic force, interested in every community project, a very popular minister, and a real man among men.

At a Congregational meeting held after mid-week service on February 12, 1913, Reverend E. A. Hodil was unanimously chosen Pastor of the Church. The call came before the April meeting in Blairsville and was placed in Mr. Hodil's hands, and accepted.

The committee reported on arrangements for his installation, to take place April 22, 1913, at 7:45 P.M. Reverend A. H. Jolly, D.D. to preside; Reverend W. A. Ralston to preach the sermon; Reverend G. P. Atwell, D.D. to charge the Pastor; and Reverend G. C. Fisher to charge the people.

Rev. Mr. Hodil began his work April 1, 1913, as Moderator of the Session with Elders W. G. Dugan, Clerk, George H. Fink, Peter Vanderwulp, David S. Wills, Homer K. Baker, John Wright and Thos. N. Morrow. Trustees: R. A. Euwer, G. W. Douglas, J. D. McMath, F. A. Dugan, F. R. Alter, J. L. Acklin, A. T. Peebles, G. F. Murphy and C. D. Campbell, A. T. Peebles, General Treasurer.

On August 9, 1914, the Church was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$300.00.

At the beginning of the church year as of April 1, 1915, Mr. F. A. Dugan,

who had served as Superintendent of the Sabbath School for eighteen years, refused to be reelected. The School had a membership of seventy when Mr. Dugan began and six hundred and seventeen when he finished.

A measles epidemic struck this community in June, 1915 and the Children's Day exercises were not held owing to an order by the Board of Health. About forty of the children from the Primary and Junior Departments were sick on that day. The quarantine affected all children twelve years of age and under.

At a congregational meeting the congregation petitioned the Court to change the Charter on April 3, 1915, to alter and amend Article 7 to read as follows: The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at 8:00 P.M. on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday of April, of each year, and the Trustees, or Session of the Church, or any ten members of the Corporation may call a special meeting at any time, by giving notice thereof, from the pulpit on at least two Sundays previous to the time of such meeting.

Judge Lucien C. Doty granted the petition and made the amendment a part of the original Charter on December 18, 1915.

A very modest celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Church was held on May 20, 1917.

Morning Service

11:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude—Festival MarchKinder
 Doxology
 Invocation and Lord's Prayer
 Selection—8
 Anthem "*My Mouth Shall Speak Thy Praise*"Demarest
 Hymn—408
 Scripture Lesson
 Bass Solo—"*The Cross*"Ware
 Pastoral Prayer
 Hymn—631
 Offertory—Minuet in G.Beethoven
 Roll Call
 Sermon—"1917 Minus 75—What?"
 Anthem—"Why Do the Heathen Rage?"
 Hymn—656
 Benediction
 Organ Postlude—"Triumphal March"Verdi

Afternoon Service

2:30 P.M.—A Patriotic Service

Organ Prelude—Prelude in B FlatBatiste
 Doxology
 Invocation
 Double Male Quartet
 Hymn "*Star Spangled Banner*"
 Scripture Lesson

Double Male Quartet

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn—"America"

Address—"Incidents in Connection with the Civil War"

Col. Frank K. Patterson, Pittsburgh

Hymn—"Columbia the Gem of the Ocean"

Address—"A Quartet of Wars"

Prayer

Hymn—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Benediction

Organ Postlude—Postlude in G. Batiste

Guests of honor: Members of the G. A. R., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of Veterans, those enlisted in the present war, Boy Scouts.

The Malta Band of New Kensington will assist in the music.

Evening Service

7:45 P.M.

Organ Prelude "Evensong" Johnston

Hymn—113

Scripture Lesson

Anthem—"Sweet the Moments" Dressler

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn—9

Offertory "To the Evening Star" Warner

Soprano Solo

Sermon—"The Church and the World War"

Prayer

Anthem—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Schmecker

Hymn—261

Benediction

Organ Postlude—"Pontifical March" Lemmons

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The following resolution was on October 14, 1917, unanimously adopted by the Session. Resolved: That, the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, in behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by proper conveyance for, and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to convey unto the Borough of Parnassus, so much of the real estate of this Corporation, as may be required, in connection with the proposed opening of Church Street, to a width of forty feet, at grade from Mill Alley to Freeport Street as now opened, such improvement being for the best interests of this Corporation.

At a congregational meeting called January 16, 1918, the Pastor requested the congregation to unite with him in asking Blairsville Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Parnassus Church in order that he be free to accept a call extended to him by the Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown, Pa. The congregation joined him in his request. Mr. J. M. Kennedy was appointed to represent the church at a called meeting of the Presbytery in

the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh on Monday, January 21, at 12:00 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Hodil's request was granted, when, the representatives of the Church had been heard. The pastorate to close on January 31, and Mr. Hodil was instructed to declare the pulpit vacant on the last Sunday of January. Mr. Hodil was dismissed to the Presbytery of Redstone.

The annual report submitted to the Presbytery as of April 1, 1918:

Added on examination	23
Added on certificate	39
Dismissed	20
Suspended Roll	36
Deceased	7
Total Enrollment	625
Adult Baptisms	6
Infant Baptisms	15
Sabbath School Members	434

Contributions:

Home Missions	\$ 771.00
Foreign Missions	360.00
Education	25.00
Sabbath School Work	35.00
Church Erection	25.00
Relief and Sustentation	27.00
Freedmen	50.00
College Board	25.00
Temperence	118.00
General Assembly	78.25
Congregational	5,166.00
Miseellaneous	305.00
Ameriean Bible Society	5.00
Evangelistie Work	5.00

The name of Reverend H. L. Earnest was presented to a congregational meeting of the Parnassus Church on July 31, 1918. He was the Pastor of the Covington Presbyterian Church, and was the recommendation of the Committee, John M. Kennedy, R. A. Enwer and W. G. Dugan. He received the unanimous call.

At the September meeting of the Presbytery Mr. Earnest was received from the Presbytery of Dayton and his name enrolled.

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported the call from the Parnassus Church was found in order, and it was placed in Mr. Earnest's hands, accepted. The report of the Committee, to arrange for his installation, was submitted to the Presbytery. The installation to take place September 24, at 7:45 P.M. Dr. A. H. Jolly to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. W. G. Felmeth to preach the sermon; Dr. D. C. Denise to charge the Pastor; and Dr. G. P. Atwell to echarge the people.



Reverend Harry Lavan Earnest

Reverend Harry Lavan Earnest was born at Fishertown, Pa., January 15, 1882. He graduated from Albright College in 1907; from Western Theological Seminary in 1911. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Baltimore, Maryland in October, 1911. His first charge was Lonaconing, Md., from 1911 to 1916; Covington, Ohio, 1916 to 1918; Parnassus, 1918 to 1920. Mr. Earnest died April 7, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In the resolutions concerning his death the Blairsville Presbytery said, "His short ministry among us, though so brief, won for him a worthy and abiding place in our hearts. Today we offer a tribute of unmingled love to a soul that was great and good".

The installation of Reverend H. L. Earnest was carried out according to the instructions of the Presbytery and Mr. Earnest began his work with the Session.

Reverend H. L. Earnest, Moderator

Elders: W. G. Dugan, Clerk

G. H. Fink

Peter Vanderwulp

David S. Wills

Homer K. Baker

Thomas N. Morrow

Trustees: R. A. Euwer

D. G. Macpherson

M. K. Renshaw

F. A. Dugan

F. R. Alter

A. A. Sweetland

A. T. Peebles

J. H. McIntyre

S. R. McCormick

General Treasurer, A. A. Sweetland

At a congregational meeting April 3, 1919, Messrs. A. A. Sweetland, Earl L. Anderson, and J. Moulton Euwer were elected Ruling Elders.

Messrs. John M. Kennedy, F. R. Alter, Henry Kinlock, Frank Wolff and George H. Fink were appointed on a committee, to make the proper arrangements for the services on the Home Coming Sunday in honor of the Soldiers of the World War on August 31, 1918.

Program

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Men's Class
 10:45 A.M. Airs of the War
 11:10 A.M. Organ Prelude CanzonettaBrewer
 Doxology
 Invocation and Lord's Prayer
 Anthem—"Land of Our Hearts"Chadwick
 Hymn—665
 Responsive Reading No. 37
 Anthem—"When the Boys Come Home"Speaks
 Scripture Lesson 11 Cor. 11; 22-30
 Roll Call—of the Dead
 Roll Call—Of the Living
 Hymn—370
 Offertory—Ave MariaSchubert
 Anthem—"The World's Jubilee"Gaul
 Sermon—"Battle Scars of Service"
 Prayer
 Demobilization of Service, and Red Cross Flags
 Hymn—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
 Benediction
 Recessional—La GraceBohn
 6:45 Christian Endeavor

EVENING SERVICE

7:45 o'clock

Organ Prelude
 A NoeturneChopin
 A SerenataElgar
 Hymn—667
 Scripture Lesson
 Anthem—"We Lift Our Hearts O God to Thee"Bernard
 Prayer
 Hymn—631
 Offertory—Andantino in D FlatSt. Clair
 Anthem—"The Victor's Return"Mendelssohn
 Address—Mr. Frank Gigliotti
 Prayer
 Hymn—681
 Benediction
 Organ Postlude—AllegroBoss
 Roll of the Dead: Walter M. Shearer, Raymond Stewart, Robert K. White
 All Killed on the field of honor.

The following returned: John Acklin, George Alter, J. Dewey Artman, Martin Beighley, Herman E. Bonsall, Chas. Bohn, George Brisbin, Walter W. Campbell, Harry C. Confer, William Davies, Benjamin S. Dinsmore, Paul W. Eckley, Raymond Eckley, Harry T. Ewig, Roy Furguson, George W. Glass, Robert M. Graham, Hubert Glass, Ralph Harker, John Harrison, Glenn A. Hill, Clarence Horner, Russell Kaufman, Howard A. Kaufman, Roy W. Kaufman, Harold Kahle, Yetter Keibler, Raymond Knapp, Homer Lindsay, Wade Masters, William L. Masters, Arthur A. Martin, Hugh Martin, Ralph Meier, Norman Miller, Wm. B. Miller, Nevin A. Miller, Robert S. Miller, George A. Miller, Logan Miller, J. Kerwin Miller, Jr., Earl Moxon, Harry G. Morrow, Hugh Morrison, Frank Seogg, Lewis Schwitzer, Thomas J. Singleton, Paul R. Singleton, Albert Skillen, Marshall Skillen, Howard J. Smiley, Merle H. Starr, Mark Stewart, J. Leslie Sewart, Wilbur Steel, L. K. Stahlman, Harry B. Thomas, Gny R. Torney, Edward Watkins, Albert R. Watkins, Russell M. Wylie, George Kenneth Young.

Reverend Harry L. Earnest closed his pastorate by death, on April 7, 1920, in the Hospital in Pittsburgh after an illness of several weeks. It was said of him, "Standing in the midst of the trouble of these times the words of the poet were true of him 'He was ever a fighter, one more fight, one more fight, the best and last, he has waged and won' "!

On September 29, 1920 a congregational meeting, properly called, and moderated by Dr. A. H. Jolly was held. The committee, entrusted with the duty of calling a Pastor, reported that they suggested Reverend Howard J. Baumgartel, who had filled the pulpit on September 12th. Mr. Baumgartel was unanimously elected as Pastor, and Mr. Dugan Clark of Session, and Mr. R. A. Enwer Chairman of the Trustees, were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery.

At the December meeting Reverend Mr. Baumgartel was received by letter from the Presbytery of New Brunswick and arrangements were made for his installation.

The installation to take place on December 16, 1920, at 7:45 P.M. Reverend A. H. Jolly, D.D. to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Reverend E. A. Hodil, by invitation, to preach the sermon; Dr. Charles Scholl to charge the people; and Dr. George P. Atwell to charge the Pastor.

The annual report:

Added on examination.....	16	Sabbath School Work	209.00
Added an certificate	20	Church Election	93.00
Restored	5	Relief and Sustentation	248.00
Suspended	25	Freedmen	172.00
Dismissed	17	Temperence	391.00
Deceased	4	Evangelistic Work	21.00
Total Communicants	569	Bible Society	5.00
Adult Baptisms	2	Men's Work	10.00
Infant Baptisms	21	Soldiers	124.00
Sabbath School Membership	406	European Church	155.00
Contribntions:		New Era	93.00
Home Missions	\$1,100.00	General Assembly	74.69
Foreign Missions	1,167.00	Congregational	62.43
Education	323.00	Miscellaneous	3.26



Reverend Howard J. Baumgartel

Reverend Howard J. Baumgartel was born at Allison Park, Pa., December 16, 1889. He graduated from Franklin College in Ohio in 1910; and from Western Theological Seminary in 1913. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh in 1912 and ordained by the Presbytery of Shenango in 1913.

Pastor at Moravia, Pa., 1913-1914; North Warren, 1914-1916; Y.M.C.A. during the World War; Pastor of the Second Church, Trenton, N. J., 1916-1920; Parnassus, 1920-1926; Ebensburg and Revloc, 1926-1939; Secretary of the Protestant Church Union of Indianapolis, 1939.

He served as Permanent Clerk of Blairsville Presbytery, 1930-1939.

Dr. Baumgartel received the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1937.

Dr. Baumgartel was a hard conscientious worker, a fine pastor, a good citizen, interested in all the things for the betterment of the places in which he was located. Especially was he fitted for work among the youth and along the lines of Christian Education. He was a careful, earnest, devoted Christian pastor.

The new Pastor began his work as Pastor with the Session:

Trustees: A. T. Peebles

J. H. McIntyre

S. R. McCormick

R. A. Euwer

B. H. Ellis

E. C. West

F. A. Dugan

F. R. Alter

R. N. Anderson

General Treasurer, A. A. Sweetland

Mr. Baumgartel, Moderator

W. G. Dugan, Clerk

George H. Fink

Peter Vanderwulp

David S. Wills

Homer K. Baker

Thomas N. Morrow

Arthur A. Sweetland

Earl L. Anderson

J. Moulter Euwer

In May, 1921, the session took under consideration the establishing of a Mission at Kinlock. In July arrangements were made to assume oversight of the Mission work done at Kinlock. The work was part of the Mission program of the Presbytery and Miss Tuckey was the worker. She remained about a year and Miss Reed took her place and continued the work of the Mission until April, 1923. Later in the summer, Miss Morton was placed over the work of the Mission. She did a good work, and the Mission was well established. Miss Anna Baumiller became assistant, and later took a course of study in a school in Philadelphia, and in 1925, Miss Morton resigned to take up a somewhat different line of Mission work. Miss Baumiller was placed in charge of the work and continued to direct it, until it was closed, on account of the abandonment of the mines and finishing the operation. A series of union meetings with the United Presbyterian Church was held for three weeks, a fine cooperative spirit was developed, and the meetings were very successful.

On March 10, 1926, Mr. Baumgartel tendered his resignation to the session, and at a congregational meeting on the 24th, the congregation acceded to his request and requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation. Rev. T. S. Dickson was chosen moderator of the Session. H. K. Baker, B. N. Thompson, and B. H. Ellis were chosen a committee to recommend another pastor.

Dr. Baumgartel closed his work on the first Sunday of April and was dismissed by Presbytery at a called meeting, held in Greensburg on March 31st, 1926. Mr. Baumgartel was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on April 4th, Easter Sunday. Rev. T. S. Dickson was made Moderator of the Session and the congregation was authorized to secure supplies, looking toward calling another pastor. Mr. Baumgartel was dismissed to take up his work in Ebensburg, Pa., to which place he had been called.

The report for the year 1925:

Received on Examination.....	42	Benevolences:	
Received on Certificate	25	General Assembly Assessment..	\$ 97.73
Restored	1	Congregational Expense	110.60
Dismissed	20	Miscellaneous Expense	235.00
Suspended	29	National Missions	3,255.00
Deceased	5	Foreign Missions	2,117.00
Total Communicants	758	Christian Education	814.00
		Ministerial Relief	303.00
		Total.....	\$6,932.33

At a congregational meeting held on September 29th, 1926, Rev. George S. Bowden, Ph.D., pastor of the Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church was unanimously called to be the pastor. Mr. H. K. Baker and Mr. B. H. Thompson were elected to prosecute the call before the Presbytery.

The Presbytery met in called session in the Parnassus Church on Wednesday, December 1, 1926. Dr. Bowden was received from the Butler Presbytery and his name placed on the roll.

The call from the Parnassus Church was placed in his hands and accepted. The committee to arrange for his Installation reported. The installation to take place at 7:45 P.M. this evening. Rev. T. S. Dickson to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. Samuel Blocker to preach the sermon, Dr. A. H. Jolly to charge the pastor and Rev. H. B. Strock to charge the people.

PRESENT BOARD OF DEACONS



MR. McALLISTER

MR. MORROW

MR. KLINE

MR. SIMPSON

MR. ARTMAN

MR. PETERS

MR. THOMPSON

MR. JOHNSON

MR. PEEBLES



Reverend George Samuel Bowden

Rev. George Samuel Bowden was born at Dunbar, Pa., August 18th, 1876. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1893, Waynesburg College in 1902, and Western Theological Seminary in 1905. Licensed by Redstone Presbytery April, 1904; and ordained by Grafton Presbytery, W. Va., at new Martinsville, May 16, 1905.

Pastor at New Martinsville, W. Va., 1905 to 1908; Conemaugh, Pa., 1908 to 1916; Conneautville, 1916 to 1919; Slippery Rock, 1919 to 1926; Parnassus, 1926. Received the honorary degree of D.D. from Waynesburg College in 1927. Served as Permanent Clerk of Blairsville Presbytery, 1928 to 1930 and stated clerk since 1930, to the present time.

The pastorate began with the Session; Rev. George S. Bowden, Moderator; W. G. Dugan, Clerk; George H. Fink, Peter Vanderwulp, D. R. Wills, H. K. Baker, Thomas N. Morrow, A. A. Sweetland, E. L. Anderson, and J. M. Euwer.

Trustees: E. C. West, President; F. R. Alter, Secretary; H. R. Wiley, Frank W. Wolff, J. H. McIntyre, Robert Hindman, R. A. Euwer, B. H. Ellis, Richard Simpson, H. K. Baker, General Treasurer.

At the annual meeting March 30, 1927, a board of nine Deacons was elected. W. K. Henley, A. T. Peebles, J. J. Jarvie, F. A. Dugan, Hugh McAllister, B. H. Thompson, B. C. McFadden, W. Clyde Simpson, and O. W. Johnson were elected.

In 1927 the need for more room for the Sabbath School became imperative and the second story was added to the Sabbath School Room including class rooms. The church basement was entirely remodeled at an outlay of about \$12,000. This improvement has made our church one of the most convenient and serviceable churches in the valley. It was rededicated at and in connection with the informal observance of the Eighty-sixth anniversary of the building of the church, May 20th, 1928.

The ushering and lifting the offerings at our services was placed in the hands of the deacons.

The Church having reached its 90th birthday, a fitting celebration of the occasion was held with the following program.

Friday evening, May 20th, 1932, Dr. J. L. Cotton made the opening address followed by a reception. On Saturday evening the officers of the Church gave a reception to the visiting ministers and friends of the Church who had returned for the celebration. Sunday program:

Sabbath School, 9:30 A.M., in charge of the Secretaries

Hymn—No. 86
Scripture Lesson Elton Hughes
Prayer Rev. J. H. Baumgartel
Violin Sextett—
Anthem Choir
Violin Solo Mr. Boraten
Vocal Solo Mrs. Baumgartel
Address Dr. W. M. Curry
Hymn—
Study Period—

Morning Worship, 11:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude—"Festival Overture" Flagler
"Kammennoi Ostrow" Rubinstein
Doxology—"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading—No. 6
Hymn—No. 665
Scripture Lesson Dr. Thompson
Anthem—"Festival Te Deum" Buck
Pastoral Prayer Dr. Curry
Hymn—No. 568
Offertory—"Ave Maria" Schnbert
In Memoriam J. McCartney Kennedy, Esq.

—IN MEMORIAM—

Rev. S. M. McChing, Rev. D. W. Townsend, Rev. J. P. Kennedy,
Rev. J. K. Black, Rev. S. R. Gordon, Rev. T. F. Hill
Rev. E. A. Hodil, Rev. Harry L. Earnest

Sermon Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D.
Prayer—
Hymn—No. 370
Benediction—
Organ Postlude—"March" William Hill

Afternoon, 2:30 O'Clock

Organ Prelude—"By the Sea" Schubert
"Goin' Home" (by request) Dvorak
Hymn—No. 667
Scripture Rev. F. M. Blick
Prayer Rev. W. P. Russel

Anthem—"Gloria from 12th Mass"	Mozart
Greetings from Ministerial Association.....	Y.M.C.A., W. H. Seybolt
Vocal Solo	T. Malcolm Thompson
Historical Address	John McCartney Kennedy
Vocal Solo	Mr. Thompson
Hymn—No. 351	
Benediction—	
Organ Postlude—"Triumphal March"	Costa
<i>Evening 8:00 O'Clock</i>	
Organ Prelude—"Toccata in D"	Kinder
"Chant D'Amour"	Gillette
Hymn—No. 175	
Scripture Lesson	Rev. H. J. Baumgartel
Pastoral Prayer	Dr. C. W. Cherry
Hymn—No. 20	
Offertory—"Spring Song"	MacFarland
Anthem	Selected
Sermon	Rev. J. M. Thompson, D.D.
Prayer—	
Hymn—No. 64	
Benediction—	
Organ Postlude—"Entree du Cortege"	Barrell

The Anniversary with its reminiscences and meetings of old friends was a very delightful occasion.

An interesting item on the bulletin of May 22, 1932, was "There have been 2,809 persons in active membership of this church—more than 2,000 children have been baptized." The Church has always been a generous church. Giving to General Assembly Synodical and Presbyterian Expenses \$3,192. To the Benevolences of the Church to carry on the work outside of our own bounds \$138,740 and for the support of its own work \$285,673.

Mr. Charles D. Beacom, who had served as a trustee for nine years, resigned on September 14, 1930.

John McCartney Kennedy died on September 30th, 1935. He had been a member of this church from 1888 until 1921. He served as a trustee for a number of years and was the first general Treasurer of the church, closing his work in that office about April, 1911. From a minute spread upon the records of Session, we quote "His great interest in the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, under whose shadow he was born and reared, was always unbounded in scope, yet tender and beautiful in character. Notwithstanding his very busy life, he was always willing to give all necessary time, even to the smallest detail, to anything that pertained to the interest of the Parnassus Church."

The organization of a troop of Girl Scouts in our church was approved January, 1936.

Homer K. Baker was elected Elder in 1909, and resigned April, 1937.

The last deed for property was executed on the first day of February, 1939. Between Mrs. Mary A. Kennedy, widow, of the City of Pittsburgh, party of the first part, and the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus, party of the second part. Witnesseth: The said party of the first part, for, and in consideration of

the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars, has granted to party of the second part, its successors and assigns, all that certain lot or piece of ground situate partly in the City of New Kensington, formerly the Borough of Parnassus, and partly in the township of Lower Burrell, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being more particularly bounded and described as follows. See Plot 10.

For several years there had been consultations between J. M. Kennedy and the Trustees of the Church, looking toward the purchase of the Kennedy property adjoining the Church grounds on the east.

This property was offered to the Church a number of years ago, for the site for a Manse. The Congregation, not being financially able to purchase at that time, Rev. J. P. Kennedy bought the land and erected thereon the older part of the present house, with the understanding that sometime, it could be procured for a Manse. From that time it was in the minds of some of the people of the Church, that the Church would ultimately own the property and use it for that purpose. Various propositions were made, with reference to it.

Finally, after the death of Mr. Kennedy, the property was offered for sale and the Church bought it from Mrs. Kennedy for \$11,000 on February 1, 1939. The house was repaired and the Ministers family moved into the new Mause on May 15, 1939. The former Manse on the corner of Main and Church Streets was sold, and the money received, was paid on the mortgage on the newly acquired property.

June 25, 1939, the Centennial Fund Campaign was officially opened. A special book, called the "Book of Remembrance," was obtained, in which will be placed the names of all those who made a contribution to the Fund. It will be one of the valued records of the Church. An indebtedness of several thousand dollars, that had accrued during the depression years, plus the \$11,000 paid for the Manse property, and approximately \$2,500 for repairs, with necessary funds to put the property in shape for the Centennial, it was found we would need about \$18,000, which we hoped to raise; and enough, in addition, to give us something to start the next century. At the congregational meeting on Wednesday evening, April 8th, 1942, Mr. Robinson, the General Treasurer, reported there was no church debt and a balance of \$614.58 in the Centennial Fund. The report for this year:

Members received by Confession.....	13	Baptisms—Children.....	33
Members received by letter	10	Adults	3
Members dismissed	21	Congregational	\$ 9,577
Members deceased	8	Special Receipts	5,322
Total Membership	815	General Assembly	131
		Benevolences	2,666

The last change in the Charter was made last year. It petitioned the Court to change the name to the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Pa. Also a change in the time of the Congregational Annual Meeting. The meeting hereafter to be held on the first Wednesday after the second Sabbath of April, at 8 o'clock P.M. These changes were authorized by the Court and became a part of the original charter.

The committee appointed to direct the Centennial Celebration is Mr. W. G. Dugan, Chairman; Mr. R. E. Murray, Vice Chairman; F. R. Alter, Secretary;

Mr. J. J. Jarvie, Mr. George Peters, Mr. F. R. Lardin, Sr., Dr. Bowden, Mrs. D. A. Leslie and Mrs. W. K. Henley. The Fund dating from April 1st, 1938, will complete it work May 17th, 1942.

Dr. Bowden and family moved into the newly acquired Manse on May 15, 1939. On June 21st the congregation gave a very enjoyable house warming for the Minister's family in order that the people might see the property they had purchased. Several hundred friends attended the reception and presented Dr. and Mrs. Bowden with gifts they will always prize.

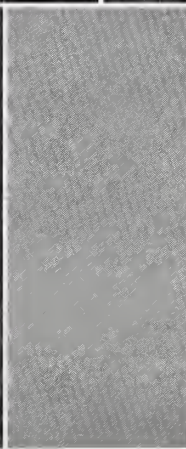
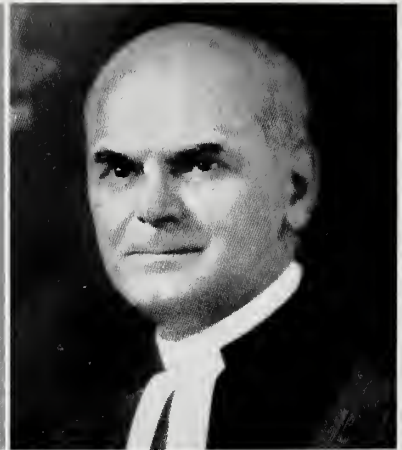
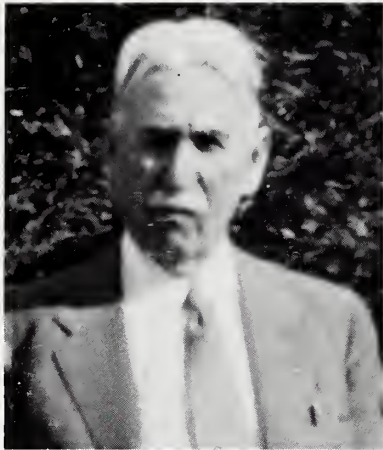


Present Manse



Former Manse

MINISTERS SENT OUT FROM THE CHURCH



DR. STEWART
ROBERT McCONNELL
REV. ROBERT J. BOWDEN

DR. NORMAN EUWER
REV. RAYMOND DRONESFIELD
REV. SYDNEY G. MENK

Rev. Thomas White Stewart, the son of Thomas W. and Susan J. Stewart, was brought up within the bounds of this congregation. He recited the Shorter Catechism without missing ten words, to his pastor, before he was ten years old. Early in life he became interested in Y.M.C.A. work and in young manhood took a thorough course in that work. He served as secretary in some of the western cities for 18 years when, because of his ability as a speaker and fine Christian character, he was urged to take a course in Theology. When he graduated from the Chicago Presbyterian Seminary he was ordained and became pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Atica, Indiana; then Christ's Presbyterian Church, Chicago; then Oceola Mills Presbyterian Church. He was very successful in his work and now is Pastor Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church of Ontario, California.

Norman L. Euwer, son of Matthew G. and Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Euwer, was reared in this community and went to Persia as a missionary from this church August, 1901. He served as a teacher in Hamadan for 9 years. He was president of Irving College, Mechanicsburg until called to Jackson Center Presbyterian Church—remained there until he was called to be Assistant Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. He remained here for 25 years until he retired.

Edward Shields McConnell was a student of Theology in Princeton Seminary under the care of the Session of this Church. He had finished his first year and was doing supply work at Absecon and Leeds Point, N. J. With three friends he was sailing on Absecon Bay on the morning of August 6th, 1907, when one of the men fell overboard. Mr. McConnell lost his life in attempting to rescue him. The Carnegie Hero Commission gave him a medal for courage and heroism.

Raymond Eli Dronesfield, son of Harry M. and Martha Corbly Dronesfield, born at Pittsburgh, Pa. Oct 19, 1908, moved to Parnassus when about 2 years old. Educated in the Parnassus schools, graduated from high school in 1926. Worked 2 years for the Aluminum Co. and then was persuaded by Dr. Bowden and others to enter the ministry. Entered Waynesburg College in 1928 and graduated in 1932. Entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago, 1932 and graduated in 1935. Served one year as assistant pastor at Cairo, Ill. Ordained in the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, May 1st, 1935, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Andover, N. Y., to Aug. 1st, 1937, First Church, Victor, N. Y., February 8, 1942, Oakland Park Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, February, 1942. Married Miss Ruth Miller of Waynesburg, May 8, 1935. Has 2 children.

Robert John Bowden, son of Dr. George S. and Ora J. Bowden, born at Conemaugh, Pa., February 14, 1915, began school in Slippery Rock. Graduated from the New Kensington High School, 1933; Waynesburg College, 1937; Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1940; Licensed April 18, 1939 and ordained April 16, 1940 by Blairsville Presbytery. Pastor, Smithfield and Bloomfield, Ohio, 1940. Married Miss Sarah K. Klingensmith Oct. 7, 1940.

Sydney G. Menk, son of Sidney G. and Mrs. Menk, born in New Kensington Nov. 20, 1916. He attended the New Kensington Schools, graduating from the High School in 1935. He entered Wooster University that fall and graduated in 1939. He entered Yale Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. in September, 1939, and graduated in June, 1942. Licensed June 10, 1941, and will be ordained in the Parnassus Church.



The Choir

The Parnassus Church has always had those who have seen to it that the Church had good music.

Elder John McElwain was the presentor just after its organization. The hymns were "lined out," as was the custom. Later Miss Sadie Campbell was the first organist, and the choir was made up of about fifteen members. Mr. McElwain continued as leader, until age compelled his retirement when David Leslie was chosen leader. Miss Edith Bradt, organist, with the understanding that she was to be allowed something for her services. When Mr. Leslie resigned, Mr. William Ross became chorister and organist, continuing to serve in the double capacity until May 1st, 1899. Miss Elizabeth Miller was chosen to take Mr. Ross' place, and she too served in the dual capacity until July 21, 1896. Mrs. Juliet Curry became chorister, Miss Miller continuing as organist. This arrangement continued until April 18, 1909, when Mr. H. W. Atkinson took charge of the choir as director, with a quartet. Mrs. Curry, soprano; Miss Olive McElwain, alto; Mr. Atkinson, tenor, and Mr. Harry Morrow, bass. Miss Miller, organist. This quartet continued until November, when Mr. Atkinson resigned. Mr. A. C. Stott became the tenor singer, and Mr. Morrow the director. On May 1, 1910, Mrs. J. D. Boydston became the assistant organist. Early in 1912, Miss Miller resigned as organist, and Mrs. Caroline Sayers took her place on September 15th, the same quartet continuing to lead the singing.

August 11, 1913, Mrs. Sayers became organist and director, with Myrtle V. Laughlin, soprano; Mrs. M. K. Renshaw, alto; Mr. J. Westley Renshaw, bass, and Mr. Stott, tenor. On Sabbath, Oct. 3, 1915, we note Miss Amy Kruger sings contralto, Mr. J. R. Mauer, bass, and Miss Bernice Quartz is organist.

Beginning in October, there were a number of rapid changes. Mrs. E. A. Williams and Miss Margaret Howell sang soprano, one following the other. Frank G. Roberts was organist and Mrs. Roberts sang contralto. In May, 1918, Mrs. J. D. Boydson became organist and then Miss Mary Schultz, Miss Edna Clever and Miss Plauda Schenck followed each other in rapid succession. Later Miss Quartz took the organ and in May, Mr. Stott, who had been the standby for a number of years, and rendered a very faithful and valuable service resigned, and Mr. John

Young became the tenor singer in the quartet. We have no record of the choir until January, 1926, Mrs. F. W. Wolff became organist and a male quartet, T. C. Porter, first tenor; E. L. Anderson, second tenor; N. R. Tress, baritone, and J. C. Swank, bass. In June, 1926, Mrs. Wolff resigned on account of health and Mrs. H. E. Confer became organist, a position she still holds, and Mr. Russell Sparkes took Mr. Tress' place and Mr. Leonard Tipton took Mr. Swank's place.

In June, 1928, a volunteer choir took up the work with T. C. Porter, Director. This arrangement continued until June 30, 1935, when Mr. Porter resigned and Mrs. George E. Strehler became directress and Miss Ina Miller became assistant organist. May 1st, 1937, Mrs. Strehler having removed from the community, Mrs. R. E. Murray was chosen directress and the choir is composed of the following: Mrs. R. E. Murray, directress; organists, Mrs. H. E. Confer and Miss Ina Miller; Sopranos: Miss Anderson, Miss Miller, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Rearick, Mrs. Allen; Altos: Mrs. Goodlet, Mrs. Gage, Miss Simpson, Miss Peebles, Miss Ferguson; Tenors: Edward Griffith, E. L. Anderson; Bases: Mr. Penn, Mr. Rearick, Mr. Euwer, Mr. King, Mr. Walley.



Sabbath School Officers

The Sabbath School

The Sabbath School was organized in the Church in 1850 and for several years all the reports we were able to trace was through the record of the Church to the Presbytery, which gave the number enrolled and sometimes the contribution. John W. Dugan was the first Superintendent and Samuel Y. Cruzan was the next, and following him was Wm. Bakewell. The first really official election we can find is of June 5th, 1881. The Parnassus Sabbath School elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Wm. Bakewell, Supt.; O. M. Bossert, Assistant Supt.; G. Crusan, Librarian and Treasurer; R. P. Crawford, secretary.

The next record at our disposal is of March, 1886, when the following officers were chosen: Wm. Bakewell, Esq., Supt.; J. M. Kerr, Assistant Supt.; Alex Logan, Treasurer; R. P. Crawford, Secretary.

Mr. F. A. Dugan began as Superintendent in 1898. At that time the school numbered 70. The record book from his date has not been found, so the first regular records we have access to begin with May, 1906.

Mr. F. A. Dugan, Supt.; J. M. Euwer, Assistant Supt.; Miss Myra Stewart, 2nd Assistant; Miss Amelia Euwer, 3rd Assistant; Mrs. F. A. Dugan, 4th Assistant; J. M. Kennedy, Treasurer; Howard Davis, Secretary; W. K. Ross, Librarian and Organist; Thos. D. Roberts, Chorister.

This was a perfectly organized and smoothly running school. In 1910, Mr. S. R. McCormick became Assistant Supt.; Miss Myra Stewart, Supt. of Teachers; Miss Amelia Euwer, Primary Supt.; Mrs. F. A. Dugan, Home Dept. The other officers, as before the next change, was making Mrs. G. W. Douglas, Primary Supt. and Miss Euwer, Cradle Roll Supt., and Earl Anderson, Chorister and Librarian. In 1912, G. M. Hamilton became Assistant Supt. and Wm. J. Rupp, Librarian and Kenneth Young, Organist. Mrs. G. F. Murphy, Primary Supt. The next year a Junior Supt., Miss Rena Harker, was added to the staff.

Then in 1915, Mr. F. A. Dugan, having served 18 years and leading a perfectly organized school with an enrollment of 617, refused to be re-elected. M. D. Wells was elected Supt.; Peter Vanderwulp, Assistant; Mrs. Paul Masters, Primary Supt., the remaining board as they were. In September, Mr. Wells removing, C. P. Monteith was made Supt., E. L. Anderson, Assistant Secy., and Miss Nell B. Torney, Junior Supt.

1917, Mrs. Chas. Beacom, Junior Supt., Mrs. Clara Crum, Primary Supt. were the only changes with Mr. F. A. Dugan as Chorister.

The next year Mr. Vanderwulp was elected Supt. Then Mr. H. R. Wylie became Assistant Supt. and Miss Sarah McIntyre, Junior Supt.

1921, J. M. Euwer became Assistant Supt. E. L. Anderson, Secy., J. Richard Simpson, Assistant Secy. and Mrs. Hugh McAllister, Assistant Crade Roll Supt. Mrs. S. C. Bednar took the place of Miss McAllister.

In April, 1923, a change was made in a number of officers. Mrs. L. D. Peebles, Supt., Harry Miller, Assistant, George H. Fink, Secy., and Treasurer, Richard Simpson, Assistant, Mrs. F. R. Lardin, Supt. Crade Roll, Miss Ina Miller, Primary Supt., Mrs. Crum, Assistant, Miss Sarah McIntyre, Junior, Miss Lillian Davis, Assistant, George Murphy, Supt. Young People, Mrs. Baumgartel, Chorister, and Mrs. B. H. Ellis, Supt. of the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Harry Miller was chosen Primary Supt.

1926, Miss Martha Osburn, Councillor for Young People, Mrs. J. G. Griffith's, Publicity Chorister, E. L. Anderson.

1927, Mrs. Beacom, Primary Assistant, Junior Miss Federkiewich were the changes.



Cradle Roll



Beginners



Primary Department

1928, Mrs. C. C. Wylie, Beginners; Mrs. Howard Woolslayer, Assistant; Mrs. E. L. Anderson, Junior; Mrs. Spencer, Assistant, the rest of the Board were the same.

The next year Mrs. I. B. Davis, Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Torney and Mr. Oliver Taylor were added. Mrs. Peebles resigning the next year after five years of excellent work. Mr. Harry Miller became Supt. and Mr. O. W. Johnson, Assistant. The rest of the Board remained the same. Mr. J. L. Black served the next year.

In 1932, Mr. O. W. Johnson, Supt.; O. F. Taylor, Assistant. E. R. Hughes added to the secretarial force and Miss Johnston, Miss Baumiller, Miss Morrow and Miss Kimball were made assistants in the various departments.

In 1934, O. F. Taylor became Supt. with E. L. Anderson, Assistant. The remainder of the Board remained except A. F. Dunn was the Temperance Supt.

The next year a number of changes were made. E. L. Anderson, Supt.; D. L. Robinson, Assistant; Mr. Fink, returning after a number of years of very faithful and efficient work; R. H. Baldrick became Secy. with Wm. Gage, Chas. Gruendling and S. G. Menk, Jr. Assistants. Temperance, Mr. Vincent Wills; Teacher Training, Mrs. L. A. Marsh and Mrs. Vincent Wills, Publicity

1936, Mr. J. L. Black served as Supt., M. V. Wills, Assistant, were the only changes.

The next year Mr. Wills moved up to Supt. M. D. Baker, Assistant, with A. A. Sweetland, Jr. added to the Secretary. Mr. John Vanderwulp, Young Peoples; Mrs. T. C. Porter, Home Department; Mrs. E. L. Iverson, Junior, and Mr. S. G. Menk, Adult Supts.

1938, Mr. Baker, Supt.; F. R. Lardin, Jr., Assistant; Paul Vanderwulp and Erwin Jacobs, Assistant Secys. and Mr. P. L. Maxwell, Temperance Supt.

The next year John Sweetland, Supt.; Daniel Wolfe, Assistant; Chas. Kier added to the secretarial staff. Mr. J. J. Jarvie, Temperance; Mrs. John Sweetland, Beginners; Mrs. R. Preston Carter, Juniors; Mr. W. L. Maise, Adults.

The present officers are: Daniel D. Wolfe, Supt.; Secretaries, Erwin Jacobs, Paul Vanderwulp, C. E. Marshall, and Roy Baldrick; Cradle Roll, Mrs. B. F. Ellis; Beginners, Mrs. J. E. Sweetland; Primary, Mrs. Rusesll Wills; Junior, Mrs. R. Preston Carter; Young People, Mrs. R. E. Sheffer; Adult, Mr. W. L. Maize; Home Dept., Mrs. T. C. Porter; Missionary, Mrs. C. D. Beacom; Temperance, J. J. Jarvie; Publicity, Mrs. V. Wills; Athletic, John Vanderwulp; Assistants, Mrs. John Vanderwulp, Beginners; Mrs. Chas. Allen, Primary; Mrs. Daniel Wolfe, Junior.

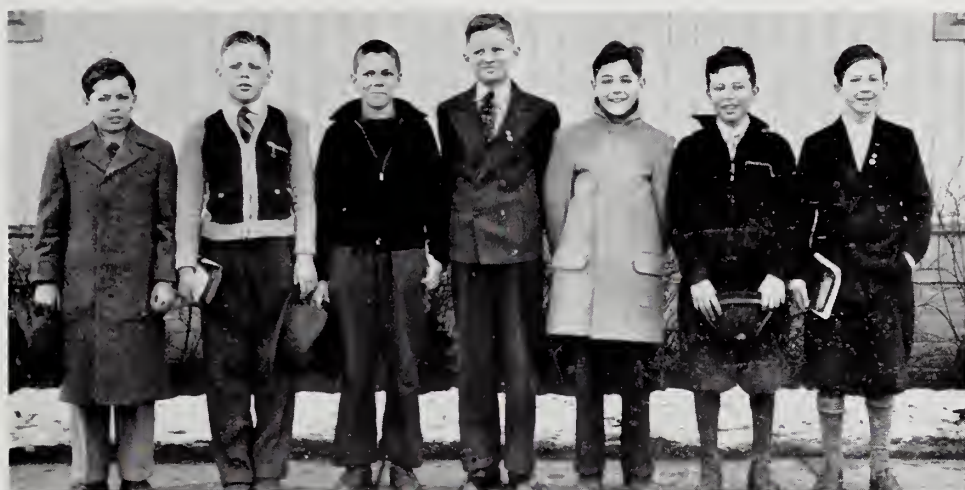
The Bethany Class

The Bethany Class first originated in 1919 and at that time was known as the Third Year Intermediate Class. At this time there was no regular teacher for the class and numerous substitutes were engaged until 1921 when Rev. H. J. Baumgartel came forth to fill the Pastorate and Mrs. H. J. Baumgartel consented to the regular teaching of this Class.

With the help of Mrs. Baumgartel the Class was organized under the name of "Loyal Learners", the colors chosen were Blue and Gold, the Class Song



Junior Department



Mr. Marsh's Class



Semper Fidelis Class



Gleaners



Miss Wylie's Class



Mrs. Cappell's Class



Mrs. Aker's Class



Young Men's Class



Old Picture Bethany Class

"Somebody Needs Us". The Class had a membership of twenty girls who were very active and enjoyed many hikes, picnics, camping trips and also a visit through the H. J. Heinz Plant. In 1926 when Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Baumgartel were leaving to fill a vacancy in Ebensburg, Pa. Mrs. Baumgartel and the girls pledged themselves that they would meet in ten years, which would have been in 1936, and that a celebration would take place, but due to unforeseen circumstances this pledge was never fulfilled.

In 1926 the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Bowden replaced the Baumgartels and Mrs. Bowden became the teacher. The name of the class was changed to "Bethany" and the Song to "Follow The Gleam". Regular monthly meetings are held at which there is always an excellent attendance. The girls are still very active and take their place in all church activities. Each girl is willing to do her share and has contributed freely to the Church.

Mrs. Bowden resigned in October, 1941, but the Class will long remember her, because she kept the girls together, increased the membership to forty-one and placed within their hearts Biblical pages which could never be erased. This is our tribute to a grand lady—"We, the Girls, of the Bethany Class salute you and thank you for the Guiding Light you so willingly showered upon us. We shall never forget your loyalty and the kindness you bestowed upon us."

There are at the present time five members of the Bethany Class who were in the original Class, namely; Miss Ruth Jarvie, Miss Thelma Ellis, Miss Muriel Baldrick, Mrs. John Frazier (Celia Harkcom), and Mrs. Elton Hughes (Gladys Beal). The present Officers of the Bethany Class are as follows:

President.....	Mrs. Daniel Wolfe
Vice President.....	Mrs. Robert Menk
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Walter Mooney
Corresponding Secretary.....	Miss Jean Cutshall
Financial Secretary.....	Mrs. Eugene Lynch
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Rex Reiter
Publicity Director	Mrs. Robert Menk

The Teacher of the Class is Mrs. Margie Murphy, she having succeeded Mrs. Bowden in October, 1941.



Present Bethany Class



The Mizpah Class

Twas the year 1922, when the Mizpah Class was born. In the Sabbath School there existed a need for a young woman's class, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three years. Several classes had been ready to disband, due to membership decreases, and lack of teachers.

Among the pioneers who steadily worked for this group throughout the first few hard years, were names which are still familiar to many of us. Miss Clauda Schenck, a teacher in our public school at the time, nobly guided our first steps as class teacher.

An organization meeting was held at the Simpson home, and if I remember back the twenty years correctly, the following girls were in the original class: Elizabeth Anderson was the first president, Margenrite Simpson, secy. and Nina Simpson, treasurer. Other early members were Katherine Glass McElwee, Wanda Simpson Prager, Elizabeth Wilcox Shearer, Isobel Alter Johnson, Dorothy Kimball Bueno, Dora Campbell Evans, and Blanche McVey Kerr.

The class name is derived from the Mizpah Benediction, found in Gen. 31:49. For twenty years, that has been used as the parting word, before leaving the class room. Our church bulletin welcomed this new class into Sabbath School activities and the record reads, "there were thirteen girls at the first Sabbath meeting."

The teachers, during our existence, had much to do with our advancement. After Miss Clauda Schenck's term, Miss Jane Davis took the helm. Then followed Miss Elizabeth Morton, Miss Martha Osburn, and then our present teacher, Mrs. L. A. Marsh, who began her career fourteen years ago.

After Elizabeth Anderson's presidency expired, we followed the leadership of Dorothy Kimball Bueno, Martha Osburn, Mary Reimer Wiley, Francelia Osburn Mitchell, Edith Ormisher Helmeth, Mildred Cook McElwain, Dorothy Gage, Lillian Wills, Margaret Hankey Loughran, Dollie Iverson, Gladys Lippencott and Lydia Harmon Osburn.

Of course many things have happened—some forgotten, and some engraved forever on our hearts. Life long friendships have found root among us,

but we have also faced departures of some of these good friends and workers, to points of service elsewhere. An enormous amount of work has been accomplished for our own Church, Sabbath School, and outside philanthropies. We gladly donated to the best of our abilities for such interests as our church sponsored. Our class has never been a money-making one until we put forth a special effort, for this our Centennial Milestone Year.

The Mizpah girls have been ushered into service roles of activity in the Church. Teachers from other classes have been taken from our members, good and faithful Association workers, Missionary Society members, and leaders have risen from our files. Our Missionary enterprise rests with Rev. Mr. Bond in Florida, and for years we have remembered him with part of our White Gift Offering.

So time marches on! Each year brings its own problems, to be worked, thought, and prayed over. From our beginning—with thirteen members—we have climbed to an enrollment of seventy-two! That alone speaks of the tireless efforts of many.

Fourteen years is a lot of time but our beloved teacher, Mrs. L. A. Marsh appears as fresh and as full of the good things of life each Sunday, as she did when she began in 1928. She is an unusual example of a fine Christian woman, and a wonderful inspiration to each of us. We are now at the close of another year. The girls who have been active in office this term are: Lydia Osburn, president; Lillian Lafbury Wills, vice-president; Edith McCracken Dunn, secretary; Fie M. Morren, treasurer.

As we pause at this Centennial milestone, our Mizpah Class members dedicate themselves anew for greater effort toward the advancement of the church here and throughout the world. "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."



The Philathea Class

The Philathea Class

The Philathea Class of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Pennsylvania was originally called "Delta Alpha" and as such was organized in the year 1906, while Mrs. Sarah McConnell, wife of Dr. Thos. E. McConnell, was serving as teacher of the Class. During the year 1910, while Mrs. George Hamilton was teacher, the Class decided to affiliate with the world-wide organization, "Philathea," and under that name today has a Sunday morning attendance of from forty to fifty members, altho the enrollment of the Class is somewhat greater. The Class has no membership regulations. All who wish to join for the Spiritual help derived from Bible study are welcome. This study is under the sincere and capable direction of Mrs. Wilmer G. Dugan, who has served as the teacher for twenty-six years.

Social and financial activities are carried on at the monthly business and social meeting of the Class. Missionary enterprises include annual gifts of money to the Women's Missionary Society for material for Overseas Hospital sewing; to the leper colony in Chosen; to the Church Committee for China Relief; to the Community Fund and Christmas White Gift. The Class members also sponsor annually a boy in Bauchman Memorial School at Farner, Tenn., help with the Christmas work at Mary Holmes Junior College West Point, Mississippi, where Margaret Federkerwich, one of thier members, is a teacher, and contribute money, food and clothing to local needy families recommended by their Welfare Committee.

During the depression the class organized its members into three teams—the Red, White and Blue—for concentrated financial service and paid off a fifteen hundred dollar Building Fund debt. The members have continued to earn three or four hundred dollars annually, which is turned over to the trustees to be applied to church work.

As a memorial to one of its most active members the class hmg a beautiful hammered, Brass cross on the organ pipes in the auditorium.

The national Philathea motto, "Young Women at work for young women, standing by the Bible, the Bible School, and the Church," and the slogan, "I can do All things through Christ which strengthened me," are also the motto and slogan of this group, which hopes to go on through many more years of study and service as a Philathea Class.

The members work together well, that is why, when they undertake anything, it is always a success.



MRS. MCCONNELL



The Philathea Class

On September 25, 1914, the class met with the teacher, Mrs. E. A. Hodil, at the Manse for the purpose of organizing. The object adopted by the class was: Bible study, soul-winning, and helping each other in time of need.

The charter members were:

Mrs. H. K. Baker	Mrs. Rose Humes	Mrs. Abraham Reimer
Mrs. J. K. Beggs	Mrs. W. M. Humes	Mrs. B. R. Rowan
Mrs. J. M. Bohm	Mrs. Mary Kinley	Mrs. Blanche Simpson
Mrs. E. A. Hodil	Mrs. J. M. Martin	Mrs. P. W. Sprengle
Mrs. W. C. Horner	Mrs. J. H. McIntyre	

The officers for the current year are:

Pres., Mrs. T. J. Singleton	Sec., Mrs. F. A. Dugan
V. P., Mrs. C. G. Gruendling	Treas., Mrs. E. C. West
Social Secretary, Mrs. Peter Vanderwulp	

The first officers were:

President, Mrs. B. R. Rowan	Secretary, Mrs. Mary Kinley
Treasurer, Mrs. Rose Humes	

The teachers of the class have been:

1914-17 Mrs. E. A. Hodil	1920-23 Mrs. L. D. Peebles
1918-19 Mr. H. W. King	1923-42 Mrs. T. C. Porter

For nearly twenty years Mrs. Porter has faithfully carried on the work of her predecessors. The class wish to express their loving appreciation and their hope for years of continued service.

Past Presidents:

1914-16 Mrs. B. R. Rowan	1927-28 Mrs. B. H. Osburn
1916-17 Mrs. Rose Humes	1928-29 Mrs. O. W. Taylor
1917-18 Mrs. H. G. McQuaide	1929-31 Mrs. S. J. Double
1918-20 Mrs. H. K. Baker	1931-32 Miss Laura Kelly
1920-21 Mrs. W. M. Humes	1932-33 Miss Jane Hankey
1921-22 Mrs. D. P. Watt	1933-34 Mrs. B. R. Rowan
1922-24 Mrs. R. A. Euwer	1934-36 Mrs. L. D. Peebles
1924-25 Mrs. S. R. McCormick	1936-37 Mrs. D. P. Watt
1925-26 Mrs. J. S. Alter	1937-40 Mrs. O. W. Taylor
1926-27 Mrs. S. J. Double	1940-42 Mrs. D. P. Watt

During the early years of this class's history the members, in addition to attending Sabbath School faithfully and encouraging attendance at all church services, worked diligently to help in the financial affairs of the church. They not only gave of their funds to the current expenses of the congregation, but families in trouble and struggling students received help given quietly and graciously. It can truthfully be said that no worthy cause has ever been brought to the attention of the class that they have not aided to the best of their ability.

Since 1931 the class has yielded its financial activities largely to the younger women of the church, but through the years bonds of Christian fellowship sympathy, and sociability have been formed that are active forces in the lives of its members.

At the present time thirty-five members are enrolled.

The officers for the current year are:

Pres., Mrs. B. R. Rowan	Sec., Mrs. James Hudson
V. P., Mrs. J. H. McIntyre	Treas., Mrs. S. R. McCormick



Thelo Class

The Men's Class

The Men's Class was formed in 1913 when the men and women that formed a mixed class, separated

The class has always been a very active force in the Church. They are loyal in their support and money for every worthy object the Church sponsors. Their principal responsibility is the Boys' work of the Church. The Scouts, and each summer they give a picnic for all the men and boys of the church, and each winter entertain them at one of their get-togethers. The example of these men in their place in Sabbath School, is encouraging to the boys who sometimes do not feel as keen an interest in Christian work as they should.



Men's Bible Class

The Woman's Bible Class

Previous to 1913 the elderly members of the Sunday School met in a mixed class, but during that year the class was divided and the women's Bible Class was organized.

The teachers of the class were: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Douglass and Mrs. D. S. Wills. Mrs. Alice McGeorge served as the substitute teacher.

The enrollment was as follows:

Mrs. J. L. Acklin	Miss Agnes Leslie	Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts
Miss Sara Aker	Mrs. Jane E. Given	Mrs. Shaffer
Mrs. Matilda Anderson	Mrs. McGrahan	Mrs. Jane Shannon
Miss Malzena Boyce	Miss Lizzie McLaughlin	Miss Elizabeth Shannon
Miss Fannie Deitrich	Mrs. McLaughlin	Mrs. I. J. Shearer
Miss Margaret Duer	Mrs. Mary McMath	Mrs. Irene Skillen
Mrs. Mary A. Giles	Mrs. A. T. Miller	Mrs. Elizabeth Skillen
Mrs. Gray	Mrs. Mary Morrow	

In age the class ranged from forty-five to ninety years.

For a number of years this class excelled all others in percentage of attendance, but by 1929 many of the class had passed over to sit at the feet of the Greatest Teacher, while others were no longer able to attend. The remaining members decided to accept the invitation of the Thelo Class to unite with them.

The living members of The Women's Bible Class dedicate this history to their beloved teachers who led them so faithfully.



THE OLD LADIES CLASS

The Young Women's Missionary Society

The Young Women's Missionary Society was organized in January, 1928, at the Manse, under the direction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. George S. Bowden. The Society had a membership of twelve. The sponsors were Mrs. T. C. Porter, Mrs. J. S. Alter, Mrs. L. A. Marsh, and Mrs. Bowden. The first regular meeting was held at the home of the President, Miss Martha Osburn one month later, February 26, 1928. Miss Francelia Osburn was the leader of this meeting, and the Executive Committee had charge of the social hour.

Through the years the society has contributed of their talent, time and money to the missionary efforts of our church.

Although the society has never had a large membership, and its work has never been spectacular, much good has been derived by the members in the study of the work of the mission fields. And the membership has endeavored to the best of their ability, to obey the command of Jesus, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*"



Mrs. BOWDEN

O Thou who dost the vision send
And giveth each his task,
And with the task sufficient strength,
Show us Thy will we ask;
Give us a conscience bold and good,
Give us a purpose true,
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do.



Young Women's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society

Realizing that a church without a fervent missionary spirit and a definite channel through which to carry on missionary work, soon becomes a "church of the past." Rev. J. P. Kennedy and his young wife coming to Parnassus in 1868, set about to build for the Parnassus Presbyterian church a missionary foundation, which has endured until the present day.

Thus it is recorded: "Mrs. Kennedy, quiet, earnest and not physically strong, but never out of touch with her people, called together the women of the church in 1871, and organized the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society—and became the first president."

The Missionary Society included all the women of the congregation, and an early church roll names the following women members of the church: Elizabeth Parry Logan, Elizabeth Armstrong, Margaret McElroy Dugan, Mary Dinsmore, Eliza Watt Logan, Julianna Shoop, Elizabeth Cunningham, Mary Hutchison McElwain and Eliza Logan. It is doubtless safe to assume that at least some of these women were members of that first missionary society, organized twenty-nine years after the church was founded. At least one of the women we know definitely was a member; for the late Fulton A. Dugan recalled his mother returning one summer day from missionary meeting and announcing that "a little new minister had arrived at the Manse"—and that "arrival" was the late John McCartney Kennedy, born August 10, 1873, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kennedy.

A little item of interest included in the records states: "When Julianna Shoop attended meeting she came from Cheswick to Logans Ferry in her own row boat and proceeded from there on foot.

A comment in some of the old records reads: "Some time later a new element came into the church with Mrs. R. B. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. Bakewell, Mrs. Kerr and Miss Sadie Campbell joining forces with the other women, and much was accomplished due to this added support." A financial statement at this time contains the following: "Annual earnings \$329.39; Annual Expenses, \$4.83."

Rev. S. R. Gordon came to Parnassus Church in 1882; and on Dec. 6, 1884, Mrs. Gordon was instrumental in organizing thirty-one young women of the congregation into a group called the "Mission Band"—Mrs. Gordon serving as its first president.

In 1893 the Mission Band merged with the older group under the name of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and down through the years until the present day it has functioned as one of the most vital organizations of the church, with its membership of loyal women giving generously of their time, talents and money that the gospel might be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Woman's Missionary Society has on its roll at this time sixty-nine active members and twelve associate members. And, as of old, the wife of the minister gallantly fills the president's chair, in which office Mrs. G. S. Bowden

has served throughout her sixteen years as "Mistress of the Manse"—with the exception of a rest period of two official terms. Other officers of the society are Mrs. F. L. Hankey, vice president; Mrs. A. A. Sweetland, treasurer; and Mrs. Margie R. Murphy, secretary.

As the Woman's Missionary Society closes its books on this Centennial Year of our church, it is with a feeling of gratitude to God for the splendid work and unflinching service that have been rendered by the women through the years, and with a prayer that the future may continue to record the faithful carrying out of the Master's commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15).



Woman's Missionary Society

Woman's Association

On March 19, 1908, thirty-eight women met in the church at the call of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Curry, to organize the Woman's Association of the Presbyterian Church of Parnassus.

The object of the society was: to develop the spirit of loyalty to our own church, to help in the work of the congregation, to cultivate a friendly spirit among the women of the church, to visit new members and interest them in our church life and work, to seek out the unchurched women of the community, and to exercise the ministry of sympathy in the name of Christ.

The charter members were:

Acklin, Mrs. J. L.	Euwer, Miss Amelia	Morrow, Mrs. M. A.
Alter, Mrs. J. S.	Euwer, Mrs. R. A.	Morrow, Mrs. T. N.
Alter, Mrs. F. R.	Fink, Mrs. G. H.	Murphy, Mrs. G. F.
Baxter, Miss Sara	Flack, Mrs. C. A.	Orr, Mrs. E. J.
Bentle, Mrs. G. E.	Glass, Miss Mary	Roberts, Mrs. T. D.
Beymer, Mrs. Mary	Glass, Mrs. R. M.	Starr, Mrs. J. W.
Borland, Mrs. S. C.	Harrison, Mrs. M. E.	Stewart, Mrs. J. A.
Brehm, Mrs. A. A.	Masters, Mrs. Cyrus	Watkins, Mrs. Thos.
Curry, Mrs. W. M.	Masters, Miss Lillian	White, Miss Esther
Darling, Mrs. E. C.	McConnell, Mrs. T. E.	Wilson, Mrs. J. L.
Davis, Miss Jane	McCormick, Mrs. S. R.	Wright, Mrs. John
Dugan, Mrs. F. A.	Moore, Mrs. Geo.	Young, Mrs. G. S.
Dugan, Mrs. W. G.	Morrison, Mrs. W. C.	

The first officers were:

Pres., Mrs. W. M. Curry	V.P., Mrs. W. G. Dugan	Sec., Mrs. G. F. Murphy
Treas., Mrs. R. A. Euwer	Social Sec., Mrs. T. E. McConnell	

Executive Board:

Mrs. W. C. Morrison	Mrs. A. A. Brehm	Mrs. E. C. Darling
Mrs. T. N. Morrow		Mrs. J. W. Starr

Past Presidents:

1908-10	Mrs. W. M. Curry	1926-27	Mrs. T. C. Porter
1910-12	Mrs. T. E. McConnell	1927-29	Mrs. G. F. Murphy
1920-13	Mrs. F. A. Dugan	1929-31	Mrs. L. A. Marsh
1913-14	Mrs. Edmund Firth	1931-33	Miss Jane Davis
1914-15	Mrs. W. C. Watkins	1933-35	Mrs. E. L. Anderson
1915-16	Mrs. A. Reimer	1935-36	Mrs. H. J. Musser
1916-17	Mrs. G. F. Murphy	1936-37	Mrs. M. V. Wills
1917-18	Mrs. A. Reimer	1937-38	Mrs. F. L. Hankey
1918-19	Mrs. F. A. Dugan	1938-39	Mrs. C. Dronsfield
1919-21	Mrs. W. G. Dugan		Mrs. Wm. Jefferson
1921-23	Miss Jane Davis	1939-40	Mrs. E. J. Ewing
1923-25	Mrs. J. S. Alter	1940-41	Mrs. R. D. Wolfe
1925-26	Mrs. Annie Kramer	1941-42	Mrs. T. J. Singleton

During the thirty-four years of its history the association has twice re-decorated and carpeted the church auditorium. It has also decorated the lecture and Sunday-school rooms, remodeled the basement for Sunday-school work, and later enlarged and remodeled the kitchen. The kitchen was equipped with the aid of the Thelo and Philathea classes. The heating system and the wiring of the old Manse were paid for by the association. In 1924 the society turned over to the trustees \$1,150 which cleared the church of indebtedness.

The money for these and many other undertakings was secured by means of many food exchanges, rummage sales, peach-festes, kraut suppers, entertainments, the Jehoida chest, the cycle of time, etc.

Not all the efforts of this organization, however, have been for the financial benefit of the church. Receptions for new members have been held, many members and prospective members have been visited, and frequently banquets or

dinners have been served to the various departments of our own church to promote fellowship.

As our church begins its second century of service, the members of the Woman's Association pledge themselves to the object adopted in 1908.

The officers for the current years are:
Social Secretary, Mrs. Peter Vanderwulp
Pres., Mrs. T. J. Singleton
V. P., Mrs. C. G. Grendling

Sec., Mrs. F. A. Dugan
Treas., Mrs. E. C. West



Woman's Association

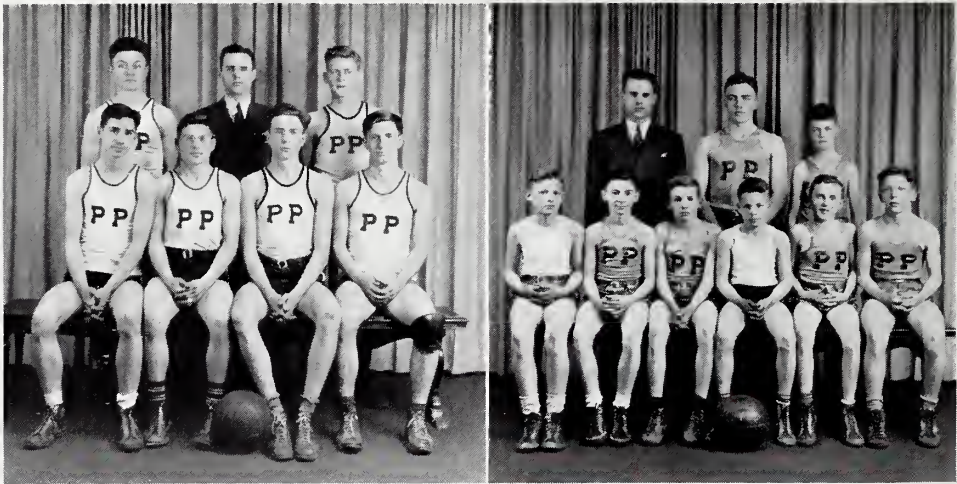
Mr. Armstrong's Class



Athletics

Our Church has sponsored various athletic teams. First baseball and for several years we had a team each summer in the Church league. Then tennis, and for several years again we had teams that held their own with any of the teams in the valley. Then came mushball and we had teams in the Church league and enjoyed the banquets at the end of the season. Now the sports that are sponsored by the Men's Class are the two teams of Basketball. The Midget Basketball Squad known as P.P.S. These are boys of 6th Grade and Jr. High age. And the Junior Basketball Squad, made up of senior high school age.

Bowling calls forth two strong teams. The regular league team and the Junior league team. Both of these teams are members in the Church Bowling League, made up of 16 teams from the various churches of the city. They enjoy good healthful sport through the winter and close with a very delightful banquet at the close of the season at which a large number of prizes are given for individual and group efficiency.



Basketball Teams



A and B Bowling Teams

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scout Troop No. 1 of Parnassus, was organized in February, 1919. Rev. Harry Earnest was the Scout Master. His assistants are unknown. The boys went for a hike, the writer was taking his 2nd class cooking test. It was very cold. A day or two afterward, Rev. Mr. Earnest became very sick, and never recovered. The boys have all been sorry, they had not realized what Mr. Earnest was doing for them. The next two years, Dale M. Boothman was the Scoutmaster. His assistants are not known. He was an able and lovable man, who understood both boys and scouting, and gave the troop their first organized camps. Two of which the boys enjoyed. One at "Sarah's Furnace" and the other at "Catfish", Pa. Some of the boys of that troop, John R. Alter, Fred McKean, Ray Hudson, Wm. Baldrick, Harry Dronesfield, Alex Jenkins, Oran Nixon and Wm. Woomer.

L. J. Smith was Scoutmaster, with John A. Harrison as assistant. The Mr. John Bryson followed by Daniel H. Gilbert, with Roy H. Baldrick as assistant, and then R. H. Bradstock. In 1927 and 1928, Roy H. Baldrick, with Geo. W. Wilcox as assistant, and the next year Wm. D. Woomer was Scoutmaster, with Adelbert F. Gilbert and Emerson Boyd assistant. The work had progressed very nicely; groups of the men of the Church gave time and effort, and the boys responded nobly. At the beginning of 1929, the troop was taken into the Allegheny County Council—West, and given the number, 124. It then became a part of a most complete program. Up to 1932, the same officers had charge. Then A. F. Gilbert served as Master, with Chas. E. Dronesfield the first year and Fred C. West as assistant the second year.

Wm. D. Woomer returned as Scoutmaster for the next four years, and during those years he had as his assistants, in addition to Mr. Gilbert, W. F. Dangerdos, Walter L. Woomer, Arthur K. Cooke, and Dave P. McBride.

The 20th year A. K. Cooke became Scoutmaster with the same assistants and for the next two years Mr. Woomer was Master again, with Walter Woomer and Arthur Cook as his aids. For the last two years Arthur Cooke has been Master with C. F. Allen added to the assistants. This year Arthur K. Cooke is Master, Walter Woomer, C. T. Allen and Elmer Howe as assistants, are doing a fine piece of work. In these years about 300 boys have learned some scouting, under the very capable leadership of those who have learned it well themselves, and are able to impart their knowledge to others. The troop has been very fortunate in having had so much of the time and effort of William D. Woomer. A man who loves boys, having two of his own and loves scouting for what it is and means. In addition, during these years, about a hundred of the busiest men in the church have given of time and effort, as well as the Men's Class, who have sponsored the troop, because they knew it was worth it.

One of the very interesting historical exhibits that has been prepared for the Centennial is the Centennial Memorial Panel, conceived and sponsored by Mrs. Rose Humes. The committee who assisted Mrs. Humes are: Mrs. F. A. Dugan, Mrs. Margie Murphy, Mrs. Peter Vanderwulp, Mrs. B. R. Rowan, Mrs. Neil Armstrong and Miss Ina Miller. It is a beautiful work of art with the names of individuals, groups, families, etc., embroidered on it. Mrs. Humes gave the money over, \$1600 dollars for the Centennial Fund through the Woman's Missionary Society.



Boy Scouts

The King's Children was the first children's organization in the Church. It was organized in January, 1890. After several years it developed into the Junior C. E. Society. The society grew into the Senior Society and other children took their place in the Juniors. The Senior Society flourished during all the time Christian Endeavor was prominently carried on. Then various other names were given to young peoples groups in various churches, and the union interest began to wane. Then, the broadening of the school curriculum, demanding more and more of the young peoples time, and the added extra curriculum activities made another demand. Then came the organized classes in the Sabbath School with their class meetings and social activities, which before were the prerogative of the Young Peoples Societies of the churches and the interest further waned. This Church has kept the societies for the young more or less successfully during these last years. With the exception of the last winter. Now with added emphasis laid on young peoples work and many getting interested in it again, our society has been very successfully reorganized under the direction of Miss Marguerite Simpson, Miss Elizabeth Anderson and Miss Ina Miller and the future at the beginning of the new century looks encouraging for the coming back of the enthusiasm of a few years ago in young peoples work.

Present Elders



Mr. Wills
Mr. Vanderwulp
Mr. Miller

Mr. Morrow
Dr. Bowden
Mr. Jarvie

Mr. Euwer
Mr. Dugan
Mr. Black

Mr. Sweetland
Mr. Fink
Mr. Anderson

Elders

The Elders who have served the Church during the century are: John W. Logan, Michael Shoop, John W. Dugan, John Alter, Adam H. Wylie, William Bakewell, S. Y. Crusan, Joseph Moody, O. M. Bossart, George B. Armstrong, G. C. McJunkin, James M. Kerr, R. S. Dinsmore, John McElwain, W. F. Wilson, W. J. Peebles, S. C. Boreland, Dr. L. H. Frantz, Dr. P. A. Brown, Dr. T. E. McConnell, W. G. Dugan, I. J. Shearer, H. J. Logan, T. K. Cree, George H. Fink, Peter Vanderwulp, A. A. Brehm, David S. Wills, Homer K. Baker, John Wright, Thomas N. Morrow, James D. Boydston, Arthur A. Sweetland, Earl L. Anderson, J. Moulton Euwer, Harry J. Miller, J. L. Black, J. J. Jarvie.

The present Session: Rev. George S. Bowden, Ph.D., D.D., Moderator; Wilmer G. Dugan Clerk. Geo. H. Fink, Peter Vanderwulp, D. S. Wills, T. N. Morrow, J. M. Euwer, E. L. Anderson, A. A. Sweetland, H. J. Miller, J. L. Black and J. J. Jarvie.

Trustees

The Church has been served by an excellent group of business men as trustees, whose duty it is to administer the funds contributed for the property and equipment of the Church.

The first Trustees were: John McElwain, Sr., George Hoffman, and David M. Alter. These men served for a number of years. Mr. McElwain until 1885, when he was elected an Elder. George Hoffman died and his place was taken by R. P. Crawford. Mr. T. B. Kerr and several of the older men served on the Board, but we can find no connected record until April 16, 1877. After Dr. Black had taken up his work, he called a Congregational meeting and elected a Board of Trustees on the rotary system. Six was the number.

R. S. Dinsmore and W. R. Logan were elected for 1 year; John McElwain and H. J. Logan for two years; and R. P. Crawford and George B. Armstrong for three years. All of these men had served some time on the Board. In 1878, Robert McMath had replaced W. R. Logan. In 1879 Alex W. Logan replaced G. B. Armstrong, who was elected elder, and J. T. McKalip replaced Robert McMath. In 1881 John McCracken takes the place of Alex Logan. In 1883 J. P. Lane takes the place of Mr. McKalip. In 1884 Jos. M. Kerr takes the place of Mr. McCracken. In 1885 John McMath, replaces J. M. Kerr who was elected elder, and L. S. Strasser replaces Mr. Dinsmore. In 1886 Joseph Leslie takes the place of R. S. Dinsmore.

We have been unable to locate the record up to 1904, since which time the following have served for a varying number of years: R. A. Euwer, John L. Acklin, Jno McC. Kennedy, F. A. Dugan, George S. Young, Cyrus Masters, Chas. D. Campbell, W. C. Morrison, F. R. Alter, A. T. Peebles, G. F. Murphy, G. W. Douglas, M. D. Wells, S. R. McCormick, E. C. West, A. A. Sweetland, D. G. Macpherson, J. L. McIntyre, M. K. Renshaw, B. H. Ellis, R. N. Anderson, J. H. Ferguson, C. D. Beacom, C. W. Browneller, Richard Simpson, H. R. Wylie, Frank R. Wolff, Robert Hindman, F. R. Lardin, B. C. McFadden, J. G. Griffiths, W. K. Henley, John Black, F. L. Hankey, F. M. Howell, W. L. Gage, S. G. Menk, F. J. Singleton, H. W. Luley, Roy Baldrick.

Present Board of Trustees

The present board is: F. W. Wolff, President; F. R. Alter, Secretary; W. K. Henley, F. L. Hankey, F. M. Howell, F. R. Lardin, T. J. Singleton, H. W. Luley, Roy Baldrick, Misses Marguerite and Nina Simpson have served as financial secretaries for several years





MR. W. H. HENLEY



MR. D. L. ROBINSON

In 1896, the Church chose a general treasurer to handle all the funds of the Church. Mr. J. M. Kennedy was the first one, he served until 1911. G. F. Murphy took the office and was assisted by G. W. Douglas. At the beginning of the new year, Mr. A. T. Peebles took over the work and served two years, when G. F. Murphy took over again. The next year, G. R. McCormick filled the office until July, 1916, when Mr. A. A. Sweetland became treasurer and served until May, 1922, when M. L. Caldwell served until the end of the year. Mr. H. K. Baker was chosen and served faithfully and efficiently until September, 1934, when D. L. Robinson was chosen and still serves in that capacity.

The Deacons are elected to look after any aid or assistance of members, to assist in the raising of funds for the work of the church and to help in any way they can with the work of the Session and the Trustees. The Board of Deacons was elected at the Congregational meeting in April, 1928.

W. C. Simpson, O. W. Johnston, B. C. McFadden, B. H. Thompson, F. A. Dugan, H. S. McAllister, J. J. Jarvie, A. T. Peebles, W. K. Henley.

In 1900, Mr. F. A. Dugan died and Mr. J. J. Morrow took his place.

In 1931, Mr. McFadden removed from the community and Mr. O. F. Taylor was elected. In 1934 Mr. Henley was elected a Trustee, and Mr. Emerson Boyd, was chosen and Mr. R. E. Murray took the place of O. W. Johnson. In 1936, Mr. Taylor died and Mr. S. G. Menk was elected. Mr. Boyd removed on account of health and Mr. W. J. Kline was chosen and Mr. Jarvie was elected an Elder and

George Peters was elected to take his place. In 1941, Mr. Murray resigned and Mr. O. W. Johnson was re-elected and Mr. Menk died and Mr. R. A. Artman became a Deacon. In 1941, Mr. D. D. Wolfe was elected to replace Mr. Peebles.

The Board at present is: Dr. Bowden, W. K. Kline, D. D. Wolfe, O. W. Johnson, W. C. Simpson, R. A. Artman, B. H. Thompson, J. J. Morrow, H. S. McAlister, A. T. Peebles and Geo. Peters.

The War

Again war has come to our nation, and again our boys have been called to the colors and as in every other war they have gone, realizing there was a work to do, and they were the ones who naturally should do it. A very fine spirit was shown by all the boys of the church as they left positions or school to enter training. One of the first to enlist was George G. Leslie, and one of the first to give his life at Pearl Harbor, on December the 7th, 1941. He was an airplane machinist. A member of our Church Choir and one of the most popular boys of the community.

Our Boys With the Colors

*George Leslie, died in service at Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941.

Capt. Fred R. Lardin, Commanding Co. B, 53 Reg. Quartermaster Heavy Maintenance Division, Camp Holberd, Maryland.

Capt. William Gage, Headquarters Battalion, Fort Eustus, Va.

Capt. M. Vincent Wills, Asst. Professor of Military Science and Tactics—University of Pittsburgh.

Sergeant Adelbert T. Gilbert, Headquarters Battalion, 176 Field Artillery—Fort Meade, Maryland.

Corp. Edgar M. Hibbetts, 6th Quartermaster Reg't, Company F, 1307 Service Unit, Camp Lee, Va.

Corp. Walter M. Shearer, 97 School Squad., Victoria Air Base, Victoria, Tex.

Ralph Schultz, Radio Operator, Air Corps, Jackson Air Base, Jackson, Miss.

Wade Masters, Headquarters Squadron, 77th A. B. Group, Mather Field—Sacramento, Calif.

Robert Roberts, Battery B, Second Coast Artillery, Fortress Monroe, Va.

Don A. Beale, R. C. A. F.

Jack Beal, 197 Reg. 33 Brigade Coast Artillery Anti Air Craft, Victoria, Tex.

Raymond R. Hill, Battery A, 12th Battalion, F. A. R. T. C., Fort Bragg—North Carolina.

Willaim McCool, Quartermaster Detachment, Camp Croft, South Carolina.

Frank W. Campbell, Jr., Flying Cadets, Air Corps, Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Thomas F. McIntyre, 97 School Squadron, Victoria Field, Alabama.

Edward Baumiller, 97 School Squadron, Victoria Field, Texas.

Robert E. Murray, Jr., Co. H, 319, New Cumberland, Pa.

Jack Alter, Air Service, Manilla, P. I.

Howard Jarvie, Co. F, 50th Armored Infantry, APO 75, Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Bruce Leslie, 2nd Battalion, 306 Infantry, Headquarters Dept., Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Erwin L. Jacobs, Jr., 38th Air Squad, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

William C. Grundling, Service Company 50, Armored Infantry, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Carl M. McIntyre, Second Class, Metal Worker Company 220, Great Lakes Naval Station.

Ben C. Beacom, Naval Cadet Flying Corps, Philadelphia Navy Yard.

William Pringle, Camp Meade, Maryland.

As the war progresses, and others are called into different lines of the service, we will give them proper recognition, and when the conflict is over, their record for courage and fidelity will be one of our cherished church possessions.



Presbyterian Church March 17, 1936

At the end of this century, this Church has one of the finest locations for a church, in the state. Ample parking ground, free of debt, the property in excellent repair. There has been 3,320 persons in active membership of this Church. The present membership is 837. More than 1900 babies have been baptized. The Church has contributed to the General Assembly, Synodical and Presbyterial work \$4,472; to Benevolences, to take the Gospel elsewhere \$169,937 and for the support of our own work \$411,624, making a grand total of contributions of \$586,033.

This Is the History

Written with little skill of song craft. Homely phrases, but each letter full of hope, and yet of heartbreak. Full of all the tender pathos of the Here and Hereafter, and showing the life and the experiences of those who for one hundred years handed on the torch so brightly burning.

There is so much that could be written that had to be left out. There is so much that must be read between the lines. The love, the sacrifice, the labor when life itself was hard, the service by the great host of those who gave it so loyally and so willingly only the record of God can tell. The great souls who received their inspiration here. Those who began life under the shadow of this church and have gone out far and wide to bring hope and blessing to the many elsewhere. The influence this church has had on the people who were and are a part of it, and look back on it with deep appreciation and heartfelt love. It has been a glorious church. It may yet be more glorious, for like the centennarian who at the celebration of his hundred years was asked how he felt, answered, I am a great deal stronger to begin this century than I was to begin the last one. So the Church is strong. Strong in faith, in numbers, in possibilities and strong in the blessing of God.

Now what could be the best thing that all of us could do as a tribute to the sacrifice and service of those who have made the Church possible?

I feel the best would be that each one who has in any way felt the influence of all these lives and hallowed associations, resolve before God that during the part of the next century we serve, we will carry on for those after us—as those gone carried on for us and so make the next century the best of all conscious

That when the stream which overflowed the Soul was
passed away,

A consciousness remained that it had life
Deposited upon the silent shore
Of memory images and precious thoughts
That shall not die and cannot be destroyed.

WADSWORTH.



Present Church

DEDICATION OF
FORT CRAWFORD MARKER

By the
MASSY HARBISON CHAPTER
Daughters of the American Revolution

MAY 13, 1942—7:30 P.M.



ProcessionalNew Kensington High School
Color Guard.....New Kensington Girl Scouts
Pledge of AllegianceAudience
Led by Miss Madeline Heighley
The Star-Spangled Banner.....Audience
Led by Mrs. W. A. Kerr
Scripture and Prayer.....Mrs. G. S. Bowden, Chaplain
Battle Hymn of the Republic.....Steffe
America, the BeautifulWard
Girl Scout Chorus, Mrs. H. G. Dillon, Directress
Introduction of Speaker.....Mrs. C. M. Shaffer
Address.....Dr. William Oliver
Head of History Department, University of Pittsburgh
Selection.....New Kensington High School Band
Dedication of Fort Crawford Marker.....Mrs. A. R. Henderson, Regent
Mrs. G. S. Bowden, Chaplain
Unveiling.....Girl Scout Daughters of Members
Mary Booth, Mary Louise Chandler, Dorothy Johnson, Sally Searight,
Mary Ann Turner, Florence Turner, Sue VanWinkle, Gretchen
VanWinkle, Betty Winter, Barbara Yoder
Benediction.....Dr. G. S. Bowden
Thursday Noon the Ladies of the Church will have luncheon for Mrs. Hill
and at 2:00 P.M. they will hold a reception in the Church to which a cordial
invitation is extended to all the ladies of the community.

THURSDAY EVENING—8:00

Organ Postlude—Jubilate Deo.....	Silver
Chorus—Springtime	Watkins
Woman's Chorus	
Greetings from Blairsville Presbytery.....	Rev. Paul H. McKee, D.D.
Stories.....	Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill, Philadelphia
Chorus—Dreaming	Shelley
Woman's Chorus	
Benediction	
Postlude—Recessional March	Leybach

FRIDAY EVENING—8:00 P.M.

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MAIN STREET JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

SUNDAY—SABBATH SCHOOL 9:45

Organ Prelude—Fantasia on Duke Street.....	Kinder
Hymn No. 57	
Exercises in charge of the Superintendent, D. D. Wolfe	
Address	
Hymn No. 52	
Period with the Lesson	

SUNDAY MORNING—11 O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude—Sunday Morning in Gion.....	Bendel
Largo	Handel
Processional Hymn No. 233	
Invocation and Lord's Prayer	
Responsive Reading—Selection No. 10	
Hymn No. 267	
Scripture Lesson—Selected	
Anthem—Gloria (from the Twelfth Mass).....	Mozart
Pastoral Prayer—Response	
Hymn No. 192	
Offertory—Virgins Prayer	Massenet
Solo—Selected	Mrs. George E. Strehler
Anniversary Sermon.....	Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.
Prayer	
Rededication Service of the Church	
Dedicatory Prayer	Dr. Cherry
Benediction	
Organ Postlude—March	Guilmant

SUNDAY AFTERNOON—2:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude—Meditation.....	Sturges
Hymn No. 334	
Scripture Lesson—Selected	
Chorus—The Lord's Prayer (Panis Angelicus).....	Frank
Woman's Chorus, assisted by Mr. Richard Boraten with violin obligato	
Prayer	
Offertory—Ave Maria	Schubert
Solo—Selected	Mrs. George E. Strehler
Historical Address	Rev. E. B. Welsh, D.D.
Hymn No. 191	
Benediction	
Organ Postlude—March Heroique	Kern

SUNDAY EVENING—7:45

Organ Prelude—A Song of Hope.....	Mueller
Processional Hymn No. 283	
Scripture Lesson—Selected	
Prayer	
Hymn No. 223	
Offertory—Evensong	Johnston
Anthem—Great and Marvelous.....	Turner
Sermon.....	Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, Indianapolis
Prayer	
Hymn No. 268	
Benediction	
Organ Postlude	Stults

The music by the Church Choir, assisted by Mrs. George E. Strehler and Mr. Richard Boraten.

Mrs. R. E. Murry, *Directress*

Mrs. H. E. Confer, *Organist*

The Historical Committee expresses their deepest appreciation to Mrs. J. McC. Kennedy, Mr. A. R. Guiney, Mrs. F. A. Dugan for the use of very valuable material for the history. To the New Kensington Dispatch for the use of engravings, pictures and other services, and to Mrs. Margie Murphy, Mrs. Elton Hughes, Mrs. C. B. Osburn, Mrs. C. D. Beacon and Mrs. G. S. Bowden for contributions to the History of the Century, and to all others who have in any way contributed to the success of the History.

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The Woman's Association are taking charge of the Reception



